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PRESIDENT ADMINISTERS OATH AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Irrevocable Allegiance To Congress & Country

Solemn Pledge Taken By 1,000 Delegates And Leaders

IMPRESSIVE SCENE

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
ANSARI NAGAR:
CONGRESS CAMP: DELHI, March 19.

Perhaps the most solemn and impressive occasion in the history of the Indian National Congress was witnessed to-day at the All-India National Convention when about a thousand Congress Legislators took the Oath of Allegiance to the Country and Congress and pledged themselves to the service of India.

TEXT OF OATH

The Oath, which was read out in Hindi, has been rendered into English as follows.

"I, a member of this All-India Convention, pledge myself to the service of India and to work in the Legislature and outside for the Independence of India and ending the exploitation and poverty of her people.

"I PLEDGE MYSELF . ."

"I pledge myself to work under the discipline of the Congress for the furtherance of Congress ideals and objectives to the end that India may be free and independent and her millions freed from the heavy burdens that they suffer from."

NO OTHER ALLEGIANCE

This allegiance cannot and will not be replaced by any other Oath that these Legislators may be called upon to take in pursuance of their legislative activities.

President Administers Oath

In pindrop silence, leaders and delegates standing took the Oath administered in Hindustani by Pandit Jawaharlal in solemn tones. It was the most striking scene to see the President standing alone on the raised platform and reading a few words from the Oath which were repeated solemnly by a thousand throats.

The importance of the pledge was stressed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on a question raised by Pandit Govind Malaviya if an addition of another para at the end to the effect that not withstanding the Oath of Allegiance that might be taken in the Councils and Assemblies, could not be made. Pandit Nehru thought that it was a silly suggestion. The Working Committee had made it clear in the resolution passed on the subject at Wardha. The primary allegiance of Congressmen in the legislatures was to Indian Independence, the Indian people and the Congress. Nothing could shake the allegiance that was being taken this evening not even the Oath of Allegiance that might be taken within the legislatures.

CONVENTION MEETS

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
ANSARI NAGAR: CONGRESS CAMP: DELHI, March 19.

To-day saw the inauguration of the predominently demonstrative phase of the National Week in Delhi. The All-India National Convention, which is a gathering unique in many respects, is the first Assembly of the Congress members of the provincial legislatures elected under the New Constitution foregathered to ratify the decision to end that very Constitution.

1,000 DELEGATES ATTEND

Nearly a thousand delegates were present. These, as President Jawaharlal Nehru announced, included nearly three hundred members of A. I. C. C. and more than seven hundred Congress legislators from the different provinces. An interesting section of the membership of the convention is composed of nearly fifty who come in both as legislators and as A. I. C. C. members and nearly ten ex-Presidents of the Congress of hhom, however, three, namely, Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. C. Vijayaraghavacharyar and Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyengar, did not attend.

The Convention met in the same "Marquee" in which the A. I. C. C. held its two-day session. Some of the Congress legislators who have lolled on plush sofas in the luxurious decked Council Houses squatted on coloured khadi spread on the green turf. To the western end of the pandal was the large platform on which the President sat surrounded by the members of the Working Committee and prominent A. I. C. C. members. The President as usual sat upon the pillow instead of leaning on it. All round the extensive pandal enlargements of the past Presidents of Congress were hung.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his opening speech made a review of the events during the past few months, devoting a large part of

Simpson Divorce

Intervener's Name To Be Struck Off

JUDGE'S ORDERS IN CASE

LONDON, March 19.

Application on behalf of the King's Proctor in the Simpson case was heard to-day.

The application was for the Judge's directions in view of the fact that a man named Stephenson intervened on December 9 intimating that he intended to object to the decree being made absolute because material facts had been suppressed and there had been collusion.

Intervention Withdrawn

On February 11 Stephenson intimated that he was not proceeding further, but this did not dispose of the legal point arising from his original action.

Stephenson, in the Court to-day confirmed his decision to withdraw his intervention and Sir Boyd Merriman, before whom the case was heard, ordered the appearance to be struck out.

ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENTS CASE

When the Simpson case was called the Attorney-General stated that the 'decree nisi' could not be made absolute as long as the intervention appearance remained on the file. It was disclosed that the correspondent was a woman named Mrs. E. H. Kenneddy. On December 9, a person named Stephenson intervened stating that he could show cause why the decree should not be made absolute by reason of material facts being withheld from the Court or by reason of the decree having been made by collusion.

STEPHENSON'S CONFESSION

On February 14 Stephenson said that he did not intend proceeding further with the matter. Stephenson told the King's Proctor that he had not any evidence to support the allegations which were based on rumours heard from friends and the news seen in the press.

The Judge enquired whether

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STOP PRESS.

UPROAR IN KARACHI MUNICIPAL MEETING.

KARACHI: March 19.

Uproarious scenes were witnessed in the Corporation to-day when two members ordered by the Mayor to leave the Hall refused to comply, resulting in the meeting being dissolved. This is a sequel to a heated debate on the salary of the Health Officer in the course of which allegations of corruption were made against the Corporation staff.

BRABOURNE'S SUCCESSOR.

LONDON: March 19.

Negotiations for the selection of Lord Brabourne's successor are nearing conclusion and an announcement is expected fairly soon. While well-informed circles are reticent, it may be stated the choice of candidates has narrowed relatively to a small group of experienced politicians preferably one who has participated in the Select Committee and with knowledge of India.

The selection of a Governor carrying exceptional weight is necessitated by the Constitutional changes.—Reuter's Special.

JINNAH LOOKS AT CONGRESS DECISION

No Differences Now Left: League Co-operation Made Possible

UNITED FRONT PLEA

NEW DELHI, March 19.

Mr Mohamed Ali Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League in a special interview with the "Associated Press," regarding the Congress resolution apropos of acceptance of office said:

"I congratulate the Right Wing Congress leaders on having carried the Congress with them. They have adopted a formula which practically is the same as was adopted by the All-India Muslim League on 12th April 1936, namely, that in the present conditions we should utilise the Constitution for what it is worth. The condition that Ministerships shall not be accepted unless the Leader of the Congress Party in the legislature is satisfied and able to state publicly that the Governor will not use his powers of interference or set aside the advice of Ministers in regard to their constitutional activities is superfluous. The Instrument of Instruction, Clause eight enjoins on the Governor as follows:

In all matters within the scope of executive authority of the province, save in relation to functions which he is required by or under the Act to exercise in his discretion over the Gover-

Will Viceroy Certify Finance Bill?

(SEE PAGE 7.)

nor shall in exercise of powers conferred upon him be guided by the advice of his ministers, unless in his opinion so to be guided would be inconsistent with the fulfilment of any of the special responsibilities which by the Act committed him for the proper discharge of any of the functions which he is otherwise by or under the Act required to exercise in his individual judgment, in any of which cases our Governors shall, notwithstanding his Ministers' advice act in exercise of the powers by or under the Act conferred upon him in such manner as to his individual judgment seems requisite for due discharge of the responsibilities and functions aforesaid. But he shall be studious so to exercise his powers as not to enable his Ministers to rely upon his special responsibilites in order to relieve themselves or responsibilities which are properly their own.

FUTILE ASSURANCE?

But what would be the value of such futile assurance which is implied and repeatedly proclaimed already by various Governors and the Governor-General? The test is as to who will be the judge and who will decide as to whether a particular measure or act proposed by the Congress in the legislature or in the administrative sphere is or is not constitutional activities? So long as the Governor is the ultimate judge, the position remains exactly as the same laid down in the Act and Instrument of Instructions.

It may be, however, to the imagination some people that the Congress has laid down something novel. But it is obvious that no wise Governor will want to attempt to restrict the operation of responsible Government conceded within the limited sphere. Anyhow the bogey of wrecking the Constitution has disappeared and we are now within the domain of the constitution and constitutional activities and this we are obliged to do because there is no United Front.

PLEA FOR UNITED FRONT.

We have decided to contest the seat which was won by the Muslim League at Bahraich, but the member who won the seat, I sorrowfully have to say, is no more with us. So we have to capture that seat again. The Congress, I believe, is going to contest that seat It will be a great mistake on the part of the Congress to do so. There is really no substantial difference, now at any rate, between the League and the Congress, as wrecking of the Constitution has disappeared from the Congress programme. I often said that I am trying to see that the Mussalmans should wholeheartedly and sincerely adhere to the policy and programme of the All-India Muslim League which are both national and patriotic and we shall always be glad to cooperate with the Congress in their constructive programme. It is no use encouraging individual Mussalmans to come into the fold of the Congress for the sake of a prize.

In conclusion I urge that let us now concentrate on those causes which stand in the way of a United Front.

Subhas' Thanks

CALCUTTA, March 19.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose has issued the following statement to the press:—

"I beg to convey through the medium of the Press my sincerest thanks to the numerous friends and willwishers, who by letters, telegrams, messages, flowers etc., have expressed felicitations on my unconditional release. My present state of health does not permit me to write individually and I hope they will kindly excuse my inability."—A. P.

GREETINGS FROM MAHATMA

CALCUTTA, March 19.

Mahatma Gandhi has sent the following message to Mr. Subhas Bose:+

"Thank God. Congratulations".

Replying Mr. Subhas Bose wires:

"Your kind message. Conveyed respectful homage through Sjt. Mahadev Desai:"

From A. I. C. C.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has sent the following telegram to Mr. Subhas Bose:—

"The All-India Congress Committee desires me to convey to you their affectionate welcome and goodwishes for your early recovery".

Replying Mr. Subhas Bose wires:

"My heart-felt thanks to the All-India Congress Committee for the kind and touching message."—United Press.

BENGAL APPEAL TO MAHATMA

CALCUTTA, March 19.

A resolution urging Mahatma Gandhi to take proper and immediate steps to secure the release of all political prisoners as a condition precedent to the members of the Congress accepting office in various provinces, was adopted at a crowded public meeting held at the Indian Association Hall organised under the auspices of the Provincial Hindu Sabha.

By another resolution the meeting congratulated Mr. Subhas Bose on his unconditional release and urged the Government to immediately release the remaining political prisoners unconditionally —United Press.

Their Common Struggle ForBread And Freedom

Call To Muslim Masses To Join Congress And Make National Hartal Complete Success

ANSARI NAGAR (New Delhi): March 19.

Many prominent Muslims and Ulema, including several newly-elected members of the various Provincial Legislatures and progressive Muslim politicians, have issued an appeal to Muslims of India to join the Anti-Constitution Hartal, demonstrations and meetings on April 1, the date of the inauguration of the New Constitution, in their thousands and co-operate with the National Congress and other anti-Imperialist organisations to make the said Hartal a complete success.

Their Common Struggle

They declare: "The New Constitution is a denial of Indians' birthright to complete independence and is meant to perpetuate Imperialist domination over the country in an intensified form. Muslim masses should, therefore, demonstrate in unmistakable terms that they reject the Constitution and are united with all other exploited sections of the country in their common struggle for bread and freedom."

Signatories To Appeal

Signatories to this appeal include Doctor Syed Mahmud, Mian Iftikharuddin, Syed Ataullah Shah, Maulana Hifzur Rahaman, Maulana Md. Sharif, Maulana Bashir Ahmed, Dr. Mohamad Ashroff, Hafiz Mohamad Ibrahim, Faridul Haq Ansari, S. S. Zaheer, Maulana Mohd., Mian Alfaruqui, Mohd. Abdul Rahaman, Doctor Z. A. Ahmed, Maulana Abdul Mannan, Maulana Manzuran Nabi and Mohiuddin.—United Press.

AGA KHAN ON DUCE'S PROMISE

Says Time For Him To Protect Muslims And Set Example

CAIRO, March 19.

The Aga Khan on his arrival from East Africa where he visited his flock of Ismailian Moslems interviewed regarding Signor Mussolini's promise to Islam, said:—

"Now is the time for Il Duce to show that in his territories inhabited by Moslems, Libya, Eritrea, Abyssinia and Samaliland, that Moslems are protected and their religious principles really encouraged. If that is carried out, it will be an excellent example to all non-Moslem powers. We, in India, are happy and prosperous under our revered King-Emperor."—Reuter.

SOCIALIST ATTITUDE

A. I. C. C. Decision Does Not Affect Party Policy And Programme

NEW DELHI, March 19.

The Executive Committee of the All-India Congress Socialist Party held a meeting this afternoon and discussed their future attitude 'vis-a-vis' the Congress resolution regarding the acceptance of office.

The meeting decided that the resolution did not affect their policy or programme which remained unchanged.

The meeting also decided that the Socialist Party as a body would not participate in office acceptance wherever a member of their party has been elected to the provincial legislature.—United Press.

WINDSOR'S DEMAND AND KING'S REPLY

(From Our Special Correspondent).
LONDON: March 19.

As a result of to-day's order, Sir Boyd Merriman, President, Divorce Court, that the appearance of Frances Stevenson made on December 9, be struck out, Mrs. Wally Simpson will now be able to have her decree 'nisi' made absolute without any opposition from the King's Proctor.

The Attorney-General's disclosures also substantially confirm what I cabled in December last about somebody having intervened, but subsequently withdrawn appearance.

The Attorney-General stated the King's Proctor saw Mr. Stevenson who said that though he had intervened on December 9, having regard to the events which happened subsequently, he had decided to withdraw intervention.

Meanwhile, a further surprise has been caused in London by the report appearing in the current issue of "New York Times" declaring that the Duke of Windsor has demanded of the Royal Family that provision must be made not only for himself during his lifetime but for Mrs. Wally also, irrespective of whether he lives or dies. At the same time, the journal understands His Majesty is stipulating that the Duke of Windsor must not wed sooner than ten days after the Coronation and that the Duke of Windsor and Mrs. Wally must agree in writing not to act on the stage, screen, radio programmes or write 'memoirs' or contribute articles to the Press.

ROYAL MAIL WINS GRAND NATIONAL

LONDON: March 19.

The Grand National Steeplechase run at Liverpool (Distance 4 miles, 856 yards), resulted as follows:—

ROYAL MAIL ..... 1.
COOLEEN ..... 2.
PUCKABELLE ..... 3.

WON BY 3 LENGTHS.

Thirty-three ran.

The race was won by 3 lengths. Ten lengths separated second and third.

The winner (Royal Mail) was trained by Ivor Anthony.

Betting:—100|6 Royal Mail; 33|1 Cooleen and 100|6 Puckabelle.

The runners were identical with last night's probables.—Reuter.

NEW DELHI: March 19.

The appointment of the Tariff Board has been extended for a period of one year from April 1, according to the Government of India Gazette Notification.—A.P.

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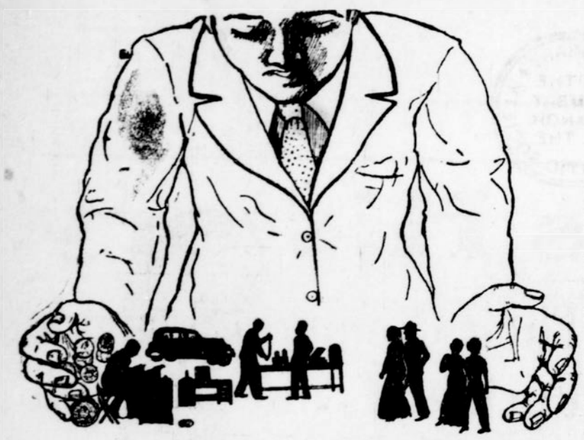

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HOW TO REMIT MONEY: All postal orders should be made payable to "The Bombay Chronicle" and crossed. The advertiser should send the Receipt Coupon, with the letter containing Tabulated Adlet advertisement All money orders should bear the signature of issuing officer and the stamp of issuing office Crossed cheques are accepted and should be made payable to the "Bombay Chronicle" but insertion of the advertisement will be withheld until cashed Registered post should be used when urrency notes and stamps are sent for payment

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RESERVED RIGHTS: The management reserves the right to revise any advertisement or refuse publication without assigning any reason for doing so.

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REPETITION IN "SENTINEL": Tabulated Adlets appearing in "The Chronicle" will be charged at half the price if inserted in the "Sentinel" same day.

To ensure prompt publication of your Tabulated Adlets, cash payment strictly in advance is necessary.

8. MATRIMONIAL.

Young Muslim Railway Officer wants pretty girl of good family. Apply with details to Box No. 7932, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Suitable Educated Girl (Billava caste of Mangalore) for a Billava Bachelor of rich family. Correspond with recent photo, Box No. 7942. "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted Suitable Bride (Caste immaterial) for a Rajput Bachelor Taluqdar—Ph. D. of an European University. Correspond with: **H. P. Singh, C|o Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. Cawnpore. 7916.**

9. SITUATIONS VACANT

Salesman to Secure Orders for an every-day household necessity. Bright prospects for really energetic persons. Apply Box No. 2641, "Bombay Chronicle."

In the days when fashion moved slowly, the primitive man is supposed to have used the leaves of fig-tree for covering and for the use of his Deity he offered skins. Even a hero like Usoos in Phoenician myth is mentioned to have used skin. At this point one may wonder if modesty was the reason for man to seek covering. It was not so. The idea of decency could not be the cause for covering in the form of clothing, because modesty is not natural in man. For instance, children ran and still run about naked. Even now, in Tahiti and Tonga it is not an offence to discard clothing if the individual is tattooed. A woman of Caribs may move freely without her girdle provided she is painted, and so on we find examples where modesty is not the reason for clothing but the discovery that concealment affords a greater stimulus in relation to sexual selection. Thus man went about searching for new fashion. Step by step he moved on and on from leaves, skin etc., to lion-cloth which later developed downward into a form of skirt found as early as the time of Naram-Sin, son of the great Sargon, and to broad-boardered over-robe, upturned shoes, Tarkuddunine jockey-cap, Boghaz-Keni conical hat, God Ivriz horned cap found on Hitlites monuments and also on the prisoners of Lachish brought before Sennacherib who lived about 701 B.C. Dissatisfied with his simple garment of this period man went about, as the time progressed, seeking brighter clothes made of silk or gold woven with silver, webs of damask wrought with stripes or figured with patterns and so on until in course of centuries.....fashion changed in quick succession and to-day great emphasis is laid not on costly garments of gold but on simplicity and utility of clothing which slightly differs to conform with climate, occupation and occasion such as marriage, worship, feast, etc., and especially with the individual status and taste of the wearer. Such clothing can now be easily bought and sold every day through the columns of Tabulated Adlets in the "Chronicle" and to the entire satisfaction of the parties concerned.

Wanted—Two trained Physical Instructors for the Colleges of the Ahmedabad Education Society. Apply stating terms, age, qualifications and experience to the Secretary, Ahmedabad Education Society, Shanti Sadan, Mirzapur Road, Ahmedabad. (5109).

Graduates, Under-graduates, Matrics, Non-Matrics, for Bank Service, Salaries Rs. 500 to 25. Apply Box No. 7933, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted—Englishman or England returned Indian possessing academic qualifications and coaching experience for the training of a young prince. Apply stating lowest terms with copies of testimonials, age, other qualifications etc. to Box 5076, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a reliable and practical man with experience in office management, knowing accounts and correspondence for work in accountants' office. Gujarati Hindu preferred. Security required Rupees Two Thousand. Apply with testimonials stating lowest salary required Box No. 7914, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted two energetic young men, must be graduates of Bombay University to do outdoor calling as representatives. Apply stating salary required to Box No. 2656, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Managers, Cashiers, Clerks Accountants, & Organizers for branches to be opened. Decent Salaries. Apply to Standard Industrial Bank Ltd., Lahore. 7919.

Wanted male and female graduate Teachers. State particulars with reply postage. Apply Box No. 7950, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted a draftsman for part time in Architect's Office in Bombay. Apply Box No. 7936, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted for band more girls on contract for 5 years, fooding lodging free, Rs. 15, for 1st 3 months 25—3 (yearly)—40, Send full size photo, state height, weight and age (13—18). Shreekrishna Commercial Company, Sanyogitaganj, Indore. (7947).

Wanted for immediate appointments: Two Stenographers on 75—100 for European firm; Trained Graduate teachers 80; (Carpenters, painters 150 for Persia.) Apply Goldwyn Co., 31, Forbes Street, Bombay. (7939).

Wanted—A practising A. R. I. B. A. or G. D. Arc. to sit in Architect's Office. Apply Box No. 7928, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted Manager with around experience of Worsted and Woollen Spinning, Weaving, Knitting, Dyeing and finishing. Also knowledge of costing method and Indian Market preferable. Apply with terms and salary expected to the General Manager, the Indian Woollen Mills, Haines Road, Bombay No. 11. (5095).

10 SITUATIONS WANTED

Competent, energetic young man of seven years experience in Engineering outdoor and office works seeks employment in any construction engineering concern. Write to Box No. 2574, "Bombay Chronicle."

15 years' experience in printing business. Hindu, seeks position as Manager, Superintendent or Canvasser. Write to Box No. 2681, "Bombay Chronicle".

Ex-Service man can work in any capacity—electrician, store-keeper, clerk, yarn testing master, salesman, cashier, etc. Any reasonable salary will be accepted. Excellent references furnished. Please write to Box No. 2727, "Bombay Chronicle".

10. SITUATIONS WANTED.

Teacher with ten years' experience in various schools desires immediate position in any capacity. Will accept living wage. Kindly communicate with Box No. 2642, "Bombay Chronicle."

Typist—Clerk with 15 years' experience seeks situation in any Solicitor's office. Passed London Chamber of Commerce course Will accept any reasonable salary. Write to Box No. 2651, "Bombay Chronicle."

Ayurvedic doctor with twelve years' experience in the profession seeks any position. Prefer to act as family doctor to some influential families in Bombay or work in any charitable institution. Apply to Box No. 2616 "Bombay Chronicle."

TO
ALL THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED

"Chronicle" in order to assist all those who are without employment requiring full time or part-time positions, offers to insert an advertisement in the Tabulated adlets columns, FREE OF CHARGE provided the unemployed are married, have been out of job for one full year, and have experience at anyone trade or profession for five continuous years. Only three names will be accepted for free advertisement in any one class of work.

The management reserves the right to revise or refuse any advertisement without assigning any reason for doing so.

Trained librarian, knowing typing, publicity work, salesmanship seeks situation in any capacity. Twenty years of experience. Excellent references furnished Will accept living wage. Please write to Box No. 2669, "Bombay Chronicle."

Combined electro-mechanical engineer. America and England trained, well versed in Accounts, accustomed to control labour, 15 years experience, highest references, seeks position on reasonable salary. Please apply to Box No. 2700, "Bombay Chronicle".

"Chronicle" Readers Buy Advertised Goods

Competent physician and surgeon of 20 years experience seeks position. Expert in eye operations, served as medical officer, Blind Relief Association, etc. Willing to accept reasonable salary. Write to Box No. 2696, "Bombay Chronicle".

First-Class qualified Mechanical Engineer seeks employment in any part of India, Burmah, Assam or East Africa having sound experience of 15 years as a Chief Engineer can best stand for the posts of Boiler Inspector Weights and Measures Warden Power House Engineer, Water Works Engineer, Mill Engineer, Sugar Mill Engineer, Cement Factory Engineer, Ginning and Pressing Factory Engineer. Can immediately join. Please apply to Box No. 2617, "Bombay Chronicle."

Honest and hardworking manager having experience of fifteen years in cinema line and ten years in wine, provision and canteen stores, etc., seeks suitable job. Can furnish excellent references. Please apply to Box No. 2721 "Bombay Chronicle".

Arts graduate with 8 years of experience in teaching and legal work seeks position in school or in attorney's office. Good reference. Please write to Box No. 2645, "Bombay Chronicle".

Extensively travelled Indian gentleman seeks employment as companion or secretary, knows continental countries and India thoroughly well. Please write, stating your offer to Box No. 2740, "Bombay Chronicle".

Efficient Typist General Clerk, 13 years experience in Bombay commercial firms, seeks situation willing to accept living wage. Write to Box No. 2699, "Bombay Chronicle".

Electrical Engineering licentiate with six years' experience in estimating, designing and supervision in railways and in maintenance, construction, meter testing and general superintendence in oil mills seeks immediate employment on any reasonable salary. Please apply to Box No. 2668, "Bombay Chronicle."

12. TO BE LET.

To let Godown, Bake House Lane off Forbes Street, apply Doongursee and Sons, C|o David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., 59, Forbes Street, Fort. (7940).

Juhu Sea facing plots and huts available for current season. Cheap rent. Central situation. Apply Hindustan Housing Co., Ltd., 395, Kalbadevi, Bombay. Telephone 20490. (7938).

13. SHOPS & ROOMS TO LET

To Let—Excellent situation, eminently fitted for shop, which was lately occupied by Marcks and Co., now by Hoar and Co., at Esplanade Road from 1st April, 1937 and first floor in 95, Ash Lane from March 1937. Apply Secretary, Haji Zenal Abedin Shirazi Trust, No. 95, Ash Lane, Fort. (7843).

HILL STATION HOUSE

To Let at Matheran, "Fernwood" and "Bagh-e-Shirin" Bungalows, centrally situated with all convenience. Apply Mrs. F. A. Vakil, Peddar Road, Bombay. (7944).

Large house to let—Khandala. New four sets, bed, bath, dressing rooms, sitting, dining, store-room, pantry, kitchen, three out-houses, sanitary bathrooms, water taps. Close to Railway Station. Rent moderate Apply to Box No. 2578, "Bombay Chronicle"

20. OFFICES TO LET.

To Let. Office Chamber with up to date Telephone and Light conveniences. Enquire: Madevlal T. Engineer, 79, Medow's Street, Bombay. (7948).

56 EDUCATIONAL

Expert tuition in English, French, Latin and other subjects. Twelve years' experience. Apply Box No. 7912. "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted candidates to draw high salaries by qualifying Engineers by Postal training. British India Technical College, Sukkur, (Sind). (7945).

Hargovandas Lakhmichand College of Commerce, Ahmedabad—The first term begins on 21st June 1937 and applications for admission to I.Com. and B.Com. classes are being received. F.Y.A.'s are eligible for admission to I.Com class and I.Coms and graduates with Economics to B.Com. class. Full details are given in the College prospectus. S. R. Rallan, Principal. (5113).

68. PARTNERSHIPS

Wanted Financing Partner for very profitable industry sure profits guaranteed. Please write to Box No. 7899, "Bombay Chronicle."

69. LOANS & MORTGAGES

Wanted Persons desirous of taking Loans from Rs. 1 Lac to 20 Lacs on solid security of Mills, Factory or Building at a reasonable rate of interest. Apply Box No. 7915, "Bombay Chronicle."

Prepared to advance on 1st, mortgage of immoveable property in Bombay about Rs. 50,000 on reasonable interest. No broker. Apply with full particulars. Box No. 7949, "Bombay Chronicle".

73 AGENTS WANTED

Wanted—Agents to sell silk sarees etc. samples Free. Jagannath Chananram, Ludhiana. 7857

99. MACHINERY WANTED.

Wanted—One secondhand crude oil engine in good condition 80 to 100 Bhp of good make and 30 Platts ginning machines correspond with Nebhandas Teckchand Company, Shikarpur, Sindh. (7925).

118. TAILORING

Will make a suit at 10 per cent. below market price for new customers only to convince them about our cut and quality of cloth. Jimmy and Co., Empress Mahal, Dadar Circle. (2621).

SPORTING GUN

Wanted from local gentleman willing to sell D. B. B. L. Sporting gun. Must be really good. Write to Box No. 2625, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Jhabua.
7937.

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5112.

Legal Notices.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

No. 371 E 353
17-3-37 15-3-37.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of certain debts and Securities belonging to Bai JENABAI ALIBHAI POONJA alias Bai JAINABAI ALIBHAI POONJA, a widow, of Bombay Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Doongri, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Deceased.

Bai FATMABAI, daughter of Alibhai Poonja and wife of Nizamuddin Abdulla Thavar, of Bombay, Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Star Building, Dongri, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

Witness SIR JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven and in the first year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) R. B. PATEL,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI,

The 15th day of March, 1937.
Messrs. NAGINDAS HOOSEINALLY & CO.,
Petitioner's Attorneys.
5706.

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5114.

Legal Notices.

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT, MUNSIFF, RAJAHMUNDRY.

S. C. 576 of 36.

Between:—
INNAMURI SESHAYYA and CHANCHAYYA ..... Plaintiffs.
And
(1) NOOR MOHAMMAD HAJEE HASAM. (2.) LATIFF NOOR MOHAMAD. ..... Defendants.

To the Defendants abovenamed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the plaintiff has filed a suit against you for the recovery of the sum of Rs. 123-9-6 due on a katha opened by you with the plaintiff's Piecegoods firm. The suit is posted for trial in the said above Court on 29-3-37. You are hereby informed to appear on the said date failing which the suit will be heard and decreed exparte.

S. L. PRAKASARAO,
Pleader.
17-3-37.
5115.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our clients, the UNITED ENGINEERING & BUILDING CO., LTD., have contracted to purchase the undermentioned property from GULAMALI CURRIMBHOY, who had contracted to purchase the said property at an auction sale held on the 3rd day of March, 1937, being the highest bidder thereat the said auction sale being held under a power of sale reserved to the mortgagee under Mortgage, dated 4th September, 1934, from Shivram Mahadeo Durgude alias Bhople and others to Haji Abdulla Haji Hasham and in a transfer of mortgage, dated 6th June, 1935, from Dr. Gajanan Mukund Bhurke to Haji Abdulla Haji Hasham.

Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us in our Office at No. 56, Esplanade Road, Fort, P. and O. Bank Building, and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within fourteen days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL those two pieces of Fazandari land with the messuages standing thereon situate at Nishanpada Cross Lane, containing 87-50 and 79-50 sq. yds. and bearing Collectors New No. 2489, New Survey No. 3126, Cadastral Survey No. 1599 and 1/1599 of Mandvi Division and bounded on the North by Nishanpada Cross Street, on the West by a sweepers passage and beyond that by the property of Shaikh Valimahomed Shaikh Budhi and of Bai SAKINABAI, widow of Ebrahim Nanji and others, on the South by a sweepers passage and properties of Bai Sakinabai widow of Ebrahim Nanji and others and of the Juma Musjid and on the East by a sweepers passage and beyond that by the property of Fatmabai widow of Hussein Nensey

Dated this 18th day of March, 1937.

S. F. B. TYABJI & CO.,
Purchasers Attorneys.
a 5111.

Legal Notices.

HIGH COURT AT BOMBAY.

O. O. C. J.

Summary Suit No. 108 of 1937.

J. R. PILANI, of Sandhurst Road, Bombay ..... Plaintiff.
vs.
(1) K. M. KUMARAPPA CHETTIAR of Pallatur, Madras, and (2.) Messrs. Wright & Co., a firm ..... Defendants.

To,
K. M. KUMARAPPA CHETTIAR.
Defendant No. 1 abovenamed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff abovenamed has filed the above suit under Rule 2 of Order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure for Rs. 9,225-15-0, interest and costs. You are therefore summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you within ten days from this date, in default the Plaintiff will be entitled thereafter to obtain a Decree not exceeding the sum of Rs. 9,225-15-0, interest and costs.

If you enter an appearance, the Plaintiff will serve on you a Summons for Judgment at the hearing of which you will be entitled to ask for leave to defend the suit which may be obtained if there is a defence on the merits or if the Court thinks reasonable to grant you such leave.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1937.

SHAH & CHINUBHAI,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.
98, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
5116.

Auction Sales

CRAWFORD & CO.

BONAFIDE SALE OF STOCK IN TRADE OF THE SUN CYCLE STORES.

By order of Messrs. DIVEKAR & CO., Attorneys for Mortgagee Mr. K. M. Gokhale and with the consent of The Official Assignee of Bombay Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., will sell by Public Auction stock in trade and furniture, etc., of The Sun Cycle Stores of Mr. V. G. Phadake (insolvent) on Thursday 25th March 1937 at 4-0 P.M. (S.T.) at his shop and godown at Bharucha Building, junction of Princess Street, and Kalbadevi Road.

Full cash against immediate delivery.

GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTORS.

TENDERS FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS EMPRESS MAHAL, SITUATE AT KHODADAD CIRCLE, DADAR.

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Tenders to be delivered and should be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 15,000-- to the Vendors Auctioneers Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., on or before 1 P.M. (S.T.) on Thursday 15th April 1937 at 122, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. Tenders will be opened by The Official Assignee at 1 P.M. (S.T.) on Friday the 16th April 1937 at his Office at High Court Buildings.

PARTICULARS OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece of lease-hold land containing an area of 4097 sq. yds. or thereabouts situate on and being plot No. 170, bounded on the North-East by plot No. 169, on the South by the junction of the Kings way and the Tilak Road, on the South-West partly by plot No. 171 and partly by plot No. 172 bearing New Survey No. 1239 part and Cadastral Survey No. 137/10 Matunga Division together with the buildings thereon consisting of a main building of a ground and two upper floors and of an outbuilding of a ground floor only F ward Nos. 6826 and 6830, Street Nos. 393 to 397.

CRAWFORD & CO.,
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VORA & CO.

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at Hughes Road, Opp. Messrs. Hyland Co., of complete Bungalow furniture, Godrej "C" quality safe, Milner safe, Zunda Cabinet, Steel Cabinet, H. M. V. Gramophone, Singer Machine, Remington typewriter, Hall Carpet, Baby rocking Horse, Marble Piller and Figures, Chesterfield sets, Grand Father Hall Clock, etc.

Auction Sales

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AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE DIAMOND ORNAMENTS.

Under instruction from Seth Dahyabhai Chagganlal and on account and at the risk of Rao Bahadur Vasanji Naranji Bhimji, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will, on MONDAY, the 22nd. March, 1937, at 3 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at their Room:—

4 Diamond Bangles.
1 Pair Diamond Ear-rings.
1 Diamond mangal sutra.
1 Diamond Collar of 4 strings.

The above is on view. A deposit of 25 per cent will be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SITUATE AT DUNCAN ROAD.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver, Bombay, as the Receiver appointed in Suit No. 24 of 1928 (Salebhai Esufalli Peshori and others vs. Akberalli Gulamalli and another) and pursuant to the Consent Order made in the said suit on the 25th June, 1935, Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will on MONDAY, the 5th April, 1937, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction on the premises:—

FIRSTLY:—All that piece of Quit and Ground rent land with dwelling house situate at Duncan Road, admeasuring about 175-4/9 square yards and assessed by the Municipality under C Ward No. 7455 and Street No. 302.

SECONDLY:—All that piece of Quit and Ground rent land with tenement, stable and chawl situate at Duncan Road, admeasuring about 407 1/9 square yards and assessed by the Municipality under C Ward No. 7456 and Street No. 50.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Ardesir Hormusji Dinshaw & Co., Attorneys for the Court Receiver, at 113, Esplanade Road, Fort or to the undersigned.

GRAND BONA-FIDE SALE OF VERY RARE & ARTISTIC OLD BLACKWOOD OPEN-CARVED FURNITURE, MODERN FURNITURE, RICH GLASS, CROCKERY AND PLATEDWARE, ETC.

Under instructions from the Hon'ble Sir Robert Duncan Bell, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., J.P., Home Member to the Government of Bombay, Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will, on SUNDAY, the 28th March, 1937, at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at "Sea View," Narayan Dabholker Road, Malabar Hill, very rare and artistic blackwood open-carved furniture and modern furniture of complete dining, drawing and bed rooms and office furniture, such as automatic dining table, chairs, sideboards, pier tables, carved chiffoniers, dinner wagons, drawing rooms chesterfield suites, centre tables, show cases, writing bureau, wooden and iron bedsteads, mirror and panel door almyrahs, dressing tables, dressing chest of drawers, chival glass, card tables, low chairs, writing tables, book cases, easy chairs, teapoys, cane chairs, rich Persian carpets, table ornaments, pictures, rich crockery, glass and platedware, refrigerators, etc., etc.

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AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Gamdevi Police put up Krishna Tukaram, before the Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum, to-day, on a charge of breach of trust in respect of a oicycle.

It was alleged that on March 9 the suspect took a cycle for hire from one Vithal Laxman and disappeared with it altogether.

Upon a complaint the police traced and arrested him at Dadar last night. The cycle has been recovered from the shop of a Marwari.

He was ordered to be released on bail till March 30.

The inquest on the body of a boy named Digambar Narayan (8) residing at Kala Chowki was held to-day.

On the 11th March, the deceased was knocked down by a motor car at Kala Chowki Road.

Hermanan E. Gieseh driver of the car stated that, at about 9-55 a.m. he was driving car No. T. 1412 from the junction of Parel Road and Kala Chowki Road, toward Sewri. Before turning into Kala Chowki Road the traffic policeman on duty held him up when he was allowed to proceed hardly had he driven about 100 yards when the deceased ran across the road from behind a stationary oil cart and ran, into his right front wheel. He was picked up and taken to the K.E.M. Hospital in his car in an unconscious condition. He died there on the 12th March.

The jury returned a verdict of death by his having accidentally run into a motor car at Kala Chowki Road.

A verdict of suicide was returned by the City Coroner's Jury at the inquest held to-day on Mr. Manchershah Edulji Karanjia, whose body was found in a well in the compound of the Aghiary at Ardeshir Dady Street on Tuesday last.

His wife stated that, on Tuesday he left home at about 2 p.m. He had told her he was going to the Agyari. At about 3 p.m. she received information that he was lying dead in a well in the compound of Agyari.

The body was searched by the police and a letter addressed to the "Commissioner of Police and the Coroner." in one of the coat pockets was found.

The Jury returned a verdict of death caused by asphyxiation due to drowning in a well in the compound of the Ashburner Agyari in Ardesher Dadyshet Lane. The deceased had jumped into the well to put an end to his life.

AUTHORITY ON JEWISH RELIGION

Tributes To Qualities Of Head And Heart Of Late Prof. Ezekiel

Glowing tributes to the scholarship and learning of the late Prof. E. M. Ezekiel were paid at a public meeting of the Bene Israel community held under the auspices of all the Synagogues in the City. Dr. E. Moses presided.

Mr. J. J. Samson moved the condolence resolution recording the great reputation of the late Prof. Ezekiel as an authority on Jewish religion, law and tradition and the help he rendered the community on various occasions.

Mr. Samson said that in spite of his high acquisition in Jewish lore the late Prof. Ezekiel was entirely unassuming and mixed with people educated and uneducated made them feel quite at home. His advice was always at the disposal of any one who sought it.

It was due to his services that the Bene-Israel community in Rangoon secured full communal rights in the Jewish Synagogue there.

Mr. M. A. Jacob said that the late Prof. Ezekiel kept away from communal politics for the very simple reason that he did not want funds belonging to communal institutions to be wasted in litigations, as had happened for the past so many years.

For well over twenty years he also conducted the regular services in the "New Synagogue" and did it all honorarily.

In recognition of these services he hoped the Synagogue would help in raising a suitable memorial.

Dr. Jacob Ezekiel said that the late Professor Ezekiel was responsible for raising the reputation of the community in the eyes of the Baghdad who often in the past looked down them. Because of the learning of Prof. Ezekiel the Baghdad Jews had often to take his opinion and advice. Messrs. Issac Jacob, B. S. Ezekiel, Elias Reuben, and A. Bhastikar spoke about late professor's qualities of head and heart.

Mr. I. A. Ezekiel concentrated on the two outstanding characteristics of Prof. Ezekiel namely thoroughness in everything that he did and the dogged determination with which he pursued the study of obstruse subjects.

The resolution was then passed the audience standing in solemn silence.

Mr. M. A. Jacob then moved a resolution appointing a committee to collect funds for a suitable memorial and after discussion of some details it was put to vote and passed.

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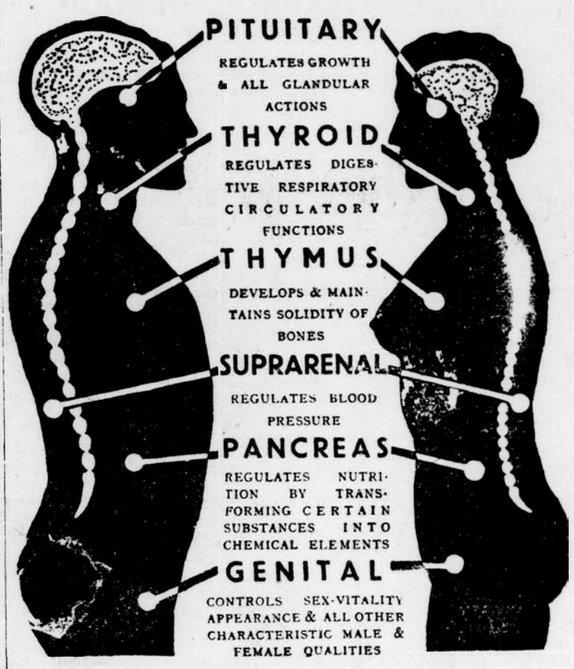

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O. K. 218. Illustration copywright.

Returned From Bath To Find Guard And Money Missing

BOMBAY: Friday.

Arrested on a charge of theft Shivmurthi Dubheri was put up before the Presidency Magistrate, Fifth Court, Dadar to-day.

It was alleged that one Bhagawati Ghaware of Lady Hardinge Road asked the suspect to keep a watch on his shirt in the pocket of which was a sum of money amounting to Rs. 322 and went to take his bath By the time he returned the suspect and the money were missing.

It was also alleged that a witness Ramlakhan stated that the suspect had offered him one hundred and twenty rupees as the price of hi ssilence in the matter

The suspect was remanded to custody till March 30th.

Governor of Bengal is likely to invite Mr. Fazlul Huq to meet him when, it is understood, the personnel of the Ministry will be considered.

EMPLOYING INDIAN TROOPS IN BURMA

Would Not Normally Be Used After Separation, Says Craik

NEW DELHI March 19.

Sardar Ganga Singh asked in the Assembly to-day for information regarding the Rebellion in Burma and further asked whether the Government were prepared to avoid employing Indian troops in future in Burma.

Sir Henry Craik replied that the Rebellion occurred in 1930 and continued up to March 1932.

The employment of troops was a matter for the decision of the future Government of Burma but on the separation of Burma from India, Indian troops would not normally be employed in Burma.

One or two small units of Army in India were to remain in Burma until the Burma Government could raise and train equivalent units of its own—A. P.

SECURITY DEMAND ON LAHORE DAILY

LAHORE, March 19.

The Punjab Government have demanded a security of Rs. 2,000 each from the editor and the printer of the vernacular daily of Lahore, "Karmvir", on the ground that a report was published calculated to wound the religious feelings of Muslims.

It is stated that the paper published this week a report of a meeting of the Arya Samaj where a recent convert to Hinduism is alleged to have spoken on Islam, followed by a protest meeting of Muslims a couple of days later.—A. P.

Indian Art In England

Plea For A Central Museum

Another Fire-walking Exhibition

(From Our Own Correspondent)
LONDON, March 6.
(By Air Mail).

Over 150 people responded to the invitation of the India Group of the Overseas League to an afternoon function on Monday last at the premises of the League in Park Place. Sir Abdul and Lady Qadir were the distinguished guests of the Group and Sir Hugh Macpherson welcomed them, as he welcomed the other members of the Overseas League, in an enthusiastic manner. "Sir Abdul and Lady Qadir come from a province," said Sir Hugh "from which many a good things have come to London in recent years. Sir Abdul is a member of the Central Council of the Overseas League and his advice is always sought."

From time to time the India Group of the Overseas League arranges talks and on Monday last Sir Abdul talked to us on Indian Art and Culture. Of course, at the outset he confessed that he knew very little of the technique of the subject though he was anxious that afternoon to create an interest in his audience in the stores and the rich treasures of arts which India possessed even now. The reason why he desired to invite the attention of his audience to this wealth was the connection of India with England of over 150 years. "In spite of this long connection", continued Sir Abdul, "we know comparatively little about one another except for a few who have gone out to India. The appeal that art makes to people of this country (Great Britain) was illustrated last year by the wonderful success of the exhibition of the art treasures of China displayed in this Metropolis. People came out of that exhibition with better opinion of China and similarly if you knew to the full extent and value the art of India, I am sure you will not only respect the past generation of India but even the present generation."

CENTRAL INDIAN MUSEUM

Sir Abdul pleaded that there should be a central museum in Britain which would be entirely devoted to the display of various kinds of arts of India "I think it is not in fitness of things", he said, "that these things from India should be in some sections of the London Museums. They ought to be kept in one central place instead of being scattered all over the country."

For his lectures, Sir Abdul had brought with him a number of paintings from India. Those were, as he said, borrowed by him from his friend, Professor R. A. Dara, of Regent Street. "We owe to Professor Dara", declared Sir Abdul, a great debt of gratitude for this afternoon's display in this hall. He is a wonderful man in his own way. All lovers of art owe him debt for his pains in collecting these things during the last fifteen years. Professor Dara has many many more things to show but I have just brought here a small collection from his rich treasure in the hope that this exhibition may result in creating some interest in you."

ART COLLECTION

"The subject of this afternoon is, as you know", said the speaker, "a very wide one. Not knowing the technique, I am not going to speak on the subject at length. All that I would do is to show you these pictures as well as those which have been so kindly lent to me by my friend, a modern artist, Mr. S. Fyzee Raheman. Mr. Raheman's pictures are a specimen of modern art. Now to come to the subject proper, so far as paintings are concerned the Muslims wanted to avoid portrait work. They thought that it was against their religion. But in spite of that there had been many distinguished artists who did portraits and human figures". Then Sir Abdul showed us over thirty paintings from Professor Dara's magnificent collection. They included paintings of the Moghul period, later Moghul period, the Rajput School, the Maratha school of paintings and a number of Jain manuscripts in gold of about the 14th century. The audience took deep interest as Sir Abdul showed us paintings of Humayun, Jehangir Khan, Nur Jehan, Shah Jehan, Farok Sayed, Ashid Daula or Ashad Khan. There was a running commentary from Sir Abdul as Prof. Dara helped the display of these paintings. For instance, he reminded his English audience of what Jehangir Khan did for which he was so well remembered in the West. "Jehangir Khan is well-known in the West because of Nur Jehan, he declared and the audience burst into laughter. Similarly Sir Abdul gave us a brief biography of Nur Jehan as the Professor showed us a painting of Nur Jehan on her way to the Shalimar gardens. And, said Sir Abdul, Shah Jehan was in some respects greater than his grandfather, who magnificently outshone his predecessors who, left us the greatest heritage—the Taj Mahal. We were also told that Mian Mir was a saint and a great teacher in spiritualism of Emperor Jehangir Khan in the Punjab. The audience was particularly interested in the painting of Mother of Jesus with her baby in arms and her husband and St. John in front of her. Evidently a Moghul had done the work and the English audience fell for it. When Sir Abdul showed us paintings from the Rajput school, he also told us what is meant by hubble-bubble or in oriental language 'hookka'. Then we had a scene of Leila-Majnoo and an "indegenous love scene" as Sir Abdul called it, of a woman's love for a man on the banks of the river Chinab in the Punjab. Then came a display of Maratha chiefs to represent the Maratha school of paintings.

RAHEMAN'S PAINTINGS

From Mr. Raheman we had a Hindu puja scene followed by a scene of the famous Bombay fair—the Cocoanut fair. Then Mr. Raheman had lent work embodying "Ragini of Kanada" whereby a ferocious elephant is tamed by the melodies of a woman's voice. A portrait of sturdy Maratha woman from the Konkan, a beautiful scene from one of the Kashmir valleys and the eternal Yogi of India brought Mr. Raheman's collection to an end.

Sir Abdul also referred to the cognate branch of art—an art of having very small miniatures done on ivory or glass. So we had the pleasure of seeing another of Prof. Dara's collection which included carving of Baber on ivory, Ranjit Singh and Shah Jehan.

In concluding Sir Abdul stressed the importance of getting to know more about India. He was followed by Mr. De La Valett, a Dutchman who has spent his life in collecting art treasures from all parts of the world. He supported Sir Abdul Qadir's plea for a central museum of Indian art in London. In his opinion perhaps the easiest key that does open the door to fuller understanding of India by other members of the Empire was her art. He remembered the very heartening response which the British public gave to the Indian art exhibition that was held in 1924. He therefore felt very strongly that it was essential that there should be a central spot to make Englishmen and other foreign visitors to England understand what was Indian art. "I think the time is ripe", concluded Mr. De La Valett, "when we should raise our voice as loudly as we can to complain against the arrangement made in this country to exhibit Indian art in London.

PROF. DARA'S EXHIBITION

Though present at the meeting, nothing could persuade Prof Dara to make a speech. He took more interest in explaining to his English friends every piece of art that was displayed in the hall. It will be remembered that as early as in July 1928 Her Majesty Queen Mary visited an exhibition organised by Prof. Dara of his collection in Regent Street. She expressed admiration with Prof. Dara's collection. In 1930 the Professor was invited to lecture and exhibit Indian art at the Bristol Exhibition. This was followed in in 1931 by an invitation from the International Exhibition of Persian Art to lend it some of his collection. He was also elected a member of the Congress of Persian Art held in London. In the latter part if that year Lord Lytton, the former Governor of Bengal invited Prof. Dara to arrange a special exhibition of his work for a private gathering at his country home in Knebworth. Between 1931 and this year Prof. Dara has been responsible in holding a number of exhibitions, each dealing with specific subject. For instance his last exhibition referred to Buddhist art and the one that opened yesterday at 117 Regent Street gives us a magnificent collection of antique textiles, from India, Persia, China, Java, Egypt, Peru and Europe. The Royal Society of Art honoured Prof. Dara by inviting to address it last year when a distinguished audience was privileged to see an exhibition of Indian paintings at the headquarters of the Society.

One thing that Prof. Dara deprecates most is the attitude of rich Indians who visit the Metropolis. As he said to me yesterday "Her Majesty Queen Mary, Lord Zetland Lord Lytton and a host of European potentates visit me because they are prepared to appreciate what is good. But our compatriots, I am bound to say, are more enamoured by the collection of foreigners, majority of whom send them back to India not with rich treasures of art but with muck". Prof. Dara substantiated his charge against his countrymen by showing me a number of letters that he has received from some of the European potentates who are to be in London for the Coronation asking for appointments to visit his Art Gallery. At the same time, he has in his possession letters from some of our compatriots "regretting their inability to find time to visit your admirable collection."

SOLAR HATS

Another Indian who is having a busy time in London is Mr. N. C. Nag, from Bengal. Disgusted (that is what he told me) with the job of a sub-Inspector of schools in his province, Mr. Nag carved out a new career for himself in 1920. He left for Java in 1920, made a "pilgrimage" to Singapore, Rangoon and returned to Calcutta in 1922 as a full-fledged business man, selling solar hats. Between 1925 and 1933 Mr. Nag practically went round the world, once again on a business tour, canvassing orders for his hats, ropes, oakum and Ochre. To-day he can tell you, like a living encyclopaedia all about Java, Sumatra, Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Siam, Australia the Philippine Islands, South China, Indo-China, North China, Japan, Ceylon, East Ceylon, South West and North West Africa, Palestine, Syria, France and Great Britain.

In November last Mr. Nag picked up his hat and suitcase to visit Aden, British and French Somalilands, Egypt, Palestine, France and London. He arrived in London specially for the British Industries Fair where he "pitched" a stall to display Indian solar hats, rice, hemp, Ochre. Since the closing of the Fair, Mr. Nag is at his wit's end as he finds it so difficult to visit different parts of England from which he has received invitation for himself and his Solar hats. However he tells me that he has got a good response from many buyers who visited the Fair from different parts of the world. Once again Mr. Nag will pick up his hat and suit case to make a "pilgrimage" to West Coast of Africa, British West Indies, South America and then back to home sweet home in Calcutta via East Africa and Colombo sometime in September.

Mr. Nag is a partner of the firm of Messrs Day, Bannerman & Co of Calcutta and Rangoon. Besides being manufacturers of solar hats ropes, Oakum and Ochre Day, Bannermans are exporters all over the world of their manufactures products beside rice. 'dhall' and other Indian produces.

FIRE WALKS

Five ex-public school boys, according to the "News Chronicle," have volunteered to do a "fire-walk" under the protection of a 24-year-old Indian, Ahmed Hussain. It will take place in Surrey next month. Hussain claims to be able to take any number of people through the fire unscathed. He had also stated that he will roll the width of the fire clad only in a loin-cloth, and will lay a linen cloth on the coals and remove it unscorched. The entire ceremony will be televised. Dozens of people have offered to accompany Hussain, but the University of London Council for Psychical Research is considering only those who combine fine physical condition with education and intelligence, declared Mr. Price, the secretary of the Council. It is considered scientifically valuable only for those who can accurately account for what happens to try the walk. Special instruments are being made in a Cambridge laboratory for measuring the body and surface heat of the fire. The maximum temperature will be about 1,400 degree Centrigrade (steel melts at 1,371 deg. Centrigrade). To measure this an optical pyrometer will be used. When properly focussed it records the reflected heat by the melting of a filament. The fire will be the biggest ever made for the purpose. In a trench 20 ft. by 4 ft. and 18 in. deep will be laid one ton of pine packing cases, 50 newspapers, 10 gallons of paraffin, 8 tons of oak logs and 1 ton of forest-burnt oak charcoal. These will burn for eight hours before the walk. Then the ashes will be blown off. Hussain is a Mohammedan from Cawnpore, a slender, fine-looking man with noble bearing and expression. His father and grandfather were both famous fire-walkers.

"The power is due partly to heredity, partly to training and partly to faith," he said. He has never walked barefoot in his life, and the soles of his feet are like silk. He is a total abstainer and vegetarian. Before stepping into the fire he will recite prayers from the Koran. Among those who will make scientific observations of the walk are famous doctors, physicists, biologists and psychologists.

"WITHDRAW THAT PUNITIVE FORCE"

Hindus And Muslims Of Sasaram Present United Front

SASARAM: (By Mail).

At a mass meeting of the Hindus and Mussalmans of Sasaram held on the 14th inst. under the presidentship of Moulvi Abdur Rahman Khan, the following resolutions were among those unanimously passed:—

That there has been no estrangement of feelings between the Hindus and Mussalmans of Sasaram, nor did it exist before. The recent riot was only an incidental matter which we both condemn; that in the absence of any such strained relation, both the Hindus and Mussalmans, consider it desirable to request the Government to withdraw the punitive force which is now unnecessary; and that, as the continuance of the two riot cases at Arrah is likely to create bad feeling between the Hindus and Mussalmans, we earnestly request the Government to withdraw the above-mentioned cases forthwith.

RICHARD TAUBER BUYS A CARAVAN

Succumbing to a persuasiveness reminiscent of the car salesman's tactics to-day, Richard Tauber has bought a caravan and a very nice caravan too, with sliding panels revealing a bed complete with a wax model of a brunette to add to the persuasiveness.

This delightful scene at an Italian caravan vendor's at the beginning of the century, has been one of the many taken during the last few days by Karl Grune, busy completing the Max Schach—Trafalgar screen version of "Pagliacci," starring Richard Tauber and with Steffi Duna, Diana Napier, Esmond Knight, Arthur Margetson and Jerry Verno in other principal roles.

Considerable interest nas been aroused in the trade since Max Schach's acquisition of the film rights of Leoncavallo's great opera was announced, as to the possibility of this production leading to a cycle of screen versions of the classic operas. Discussing this possibility in a published interview the other day Karl Grune stated his belief that the successful film opera can be achieved only when the original abounds in real human and dramatic situations as does this famous drama of jealousy. Screen audiences—continued Grune are accustomed to films being true to life, and the artificial conventions of the stage opera must be dispensed with before it can become acceptable film fare.

This principle he has applied in "Pagliacci." Leoncavallo's music is used in its entirety, mostly as background music, but wherever singing has been introduced it has been done in a logical and convincing manner

LET KHER RESIGN AND END 'IMPASSE'

(From Our Correspondent.)
NAGPUR, March 18.

Political circles in Nagpur fully sympathise with Bombay Congresssmen's resentment at the supercession of Mr. Nariman in the election of a Congress Party Leader.

It is strongly felt that if the Congress Party in Bombay is to maintain its position as a majority party in the Legislative Assembly, the present decision of the leaders must be revoked. Maharashtrians are particularly pained to learn that one of them has been made a scapegoat and it is suggested that in order to end the impasse Mr. Kher should resign forthwith.

HINDI ACCELERATES SWARAJ MOVEMENT

Mr. Kalelkar's Plea

MADRAS, March 19.

The Hindi Delegation headed by Mr. Kalelkar who arrived in Madras yesterday left for Bangalore last night.

Addressing a meeting last evening in the Hindi Prachar Building at Mambalam, Mr. Kalelkar made a strong plea for the adoption of Hindi as 'Lingua Franca' of India. A common language like Hindi, he declared, would only accelerate Swaraj movement.

A reception was accorded to the delegation at Jain Mandir last night by the Marwari and Gujarati communities.—A.P.

Bangalore, March 19.—Prince Moazam Jah Bahadur, the second son of the Nizam of Hyderabad, arrived in Bangalore this morning from Hyderabad and is expected to stay here about two months as state guest.

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Sunrise: 6h. 43m.
Sunset: 6h. 50m.

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Tuesday, March 23.

Children's Aid Society: Annual meeting in the Town Hall at 6 p.m. His Excellency the Governor to preside and Lady Brabourne to be present. Meeting open to the public.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST EMPLOYEES' UNION

The opening ceremony of the premises of the Union will be performed by Mayor Jamnadas Mehta on Sunday the 21st inst at 9 a.m.

KHATAU SPORTS CLUB

The annual social gathering and prize distribution will be held to-day (Saturday), at 5-45 p.m. (S.T.) when Mr. T. W. Johnstone, Chief Inspector of factories will preside.

BOMBAY TENANTS ASSOCIATION

The Monthly meeting of the Managing Board of the Association will be held in the "D" Ward office to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m.

SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC

The 11th Annual gathering and Prize distribution of the School will be held to-day (Saturday), at 5-30 p.m. at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall, Fort, H. H. The Maharaj Saheb of Dharampur will preside on the occasion.

'C' WARD DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Managing Committee of the 'C' Ward Congress Committee will be held on Sunday, the 21st inst. at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) at the office of the Committee, Chhotalal Bhuvan, Kalbadevi Road.

SCOUT JEMMI MODI'S LECTURE

Under the auspices of the Rathester Mandal a public gathering will be held at the Minerva Cinema, Lamington Road, to-morrow (Sunday), at 10 a.m. (S.T.) when the world-tourist Rover Scout Jemmi Mody will deliver a lecture giving out his experiences of cycling the world and will display on the screen several interesting pictures. Shamsulolma Dastur Dr. M. N. Dhala will preside, and on behalf of the Mandal will present a Silver-Cup to Rover Scout Jemmi Mody in appreciation of his adventures.

IN AID OF MAHILA SEVA MANDAL SCHOOLS

A variety entertainment will be given in the Damodar Thackersey Moolji Hall Parel, to-day (Saturday), the 20th instant between 4 p.m. and 7-30 p.m. (S.T.). Admission by tickets, Re. 1, As. 12, As. 8 and As. 4. The proceeds will be utilized for the Industrial Schools for Women conducted by the Mahila Seva Mandal of the Social Service League, Bombay.

Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, the Mayor of Bombay, will preside on the occasion.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EMPIRE—"Love on the Run" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Wolf's Clothing" Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 4 p.m.
REGAL—"3 Smart Girls" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Sonhera Sansar" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Swing Time" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Izzat" Daily at 5-30, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-45 p.m.
PATHE—"Go West Young Man" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
Sunday morning show, 10 a.m.
WELLINGTON—"Nari Raj" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
WEST-END—"Flower Girl" Time as usual.
KRISHNA—"Millionaire" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-45 p.m.
MINERVA—"Atma Tarang" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Jungle Queen" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Daughter-in-Law" Daily at 5-30, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to day and to-morrow at 3 p.m.
PLAZA—"Dharmaveer" Time as usual.
CENTRAL—"Tukaram" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.

ALL-INDIA HAIHAYA KSHATRIYA NABYUBAK CONFERENCE

The second session of All-India Haihaya Kshattriya Conference will be held on Wednesday and Thursday (24th and 25th instant) under the presidentship of Sjt. Ganesh Prasad Jayaswal M.L.A.

CHIKITSAKA SAMUHA

The "Vastu-Shanti" ceremony of the new premises of the Chikitsaka Samuha, which are being erected at Sadashiv Street, Cross Lane, Kandewadi, Girgaon, will take place on Monday, 22nd March, at 12-8 noon (S.T.) and there will be gathering of the Samuha to celebrate the occasion at 6-15 P. M. (S.T.) at the same place that evening, when members and well-wishers of the institution are cordially invited to attend.

PUBLIC LECTURE ON MOON

Mr. Padam S. M. Godrez, a Parsi amateur astronomer, will deliver in English his second lecture of the series of "The Wonders of Astronomy", subject:—"The Moon" (Part II), with slides Demostration, on Monday March 22nd, at 6 p.m. (S.T.) under the auspices of the BEST Employees' Association in the Hall on the first floor of the Electric House of the Bombay Tramway Co., at Ormiston Road, Colaba Causeway. Those attending any three lectures of the series are entitled to attend a lecture with Telescopic view of Celestial Scenery.

Literacy Campaign In City

Schools Committee Sanctions Rs. 2,000 To Association

For the publication and free supply of suitable literature for instruction and extension of literacy among the adults, a sum of Rs. 2,000, being the unpaid balance of a total grant of Rs. 5,000 to the Bombay City Literacy Association, was sanctioned by the Schools Committee at a meeting held on Friday.

Mr. M. N. Talpade was in the chair.

The Secretary of the Schools Committee recommending the sanction of the amount stated in his report that at present there were 57 classes run by the Association at several centres in the City and the number on the rolls was about 1,700. It was now necessary to distribute freely among these adults, suitable books of general interest available in the market as early as possible, for which a part of the amount of Rs. 1,065 would have to be spent.

A part of the amount would also be spent by the Association in publishing at their own cost simple books suitable for extension of literacy among the adults, for which they had already selected the subjects. The scheme would be shortly taken on hand as soon as the money would be available to them.

RED X PAGEANT

Thrilling And Dramatic Programme

Provision is being made for the seating of immense crowds at the Red Cross Pageant to be held at the Mahalaxmi Race Course on the evening of March 29 so that those who intend seeing the pageant may be assured that they will be able to do so in comfort. Ten thousand chairs will be placed on the lawns in front of the Members' Stand and the Grand Stand and these may be reserved on payment of a rupee each. The plan may be seen at the Bombay Garage and seats booked. The entrance fee for the Members' Enclosure is Rs. 5 and for the first enclosure Rs. 3. Holders of programmes who do not wish to pay any more for entry will be accommodated in Second Enclosure where special arrangements are made for their comfort.

DECORATED MOTOR CARS.

The parade of decorated motor vehicles from the Gateway of India to the Race Course is due to enter the Race Course at 4-45 p.m. It will circle the ground and cars which have been awarded prizes and cups will line up at 5-30 p.m. in front of the Members' Enclosure.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Brabourne will arrive there at 5-30 p.m., and Lady Brabourne will immediately proceed with the presentation of prizes after which the draw will take place for the lucky numbers in connection with the lucky number programme scheme for which the first prize is a handsome saloon car and for which there are also many cash prizes of Rs. 1,000 and less.

The pageant proper will then commence, the programme being opened by a military band followed by a military display, which will consist of a presentation by the Cheshire Regiment of a historical pageant in period costume, the story used being the story of how the Cheshires were originally given the oak leaf as their own particular emblem.

SPECTACLULAR MUSICAL RIDE.

His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard will give their famous musical ride and this will be followed by a display of pole climbing and Maratha dancing by the 3rd Battalion, 5th Maratha Light Infantry.

Immediately the display is over a signal will be given and an aeroplane will swoop down and bomb a dummy building which will be erected on the Race Course. This building will blaze up and give the Bombay Fire Brigade an opportunity of displaying its fire fighting and life saving abilities. Then will come the fireworks display organised on a scale such as has never been seen before in Bombay. It is expected that the programme will continue until at least half past eight.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS.

Special traffic arrangements have been made in co-operation with the Bombay City Police and if visitors to the pageant adhere closely to the directions given by the police there should be no congestion. At the close for those Members and their friends who intend joining the special supper party a lighted pathway from the Race Course to the Willingdon Club will be provided so that the cars of those people will not be required to park at the Race Course. It is hoped that this will relieve any possible congestion.

BOMBAY VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION'S RECORD

Sethna's Appeal For More Funds And Adequate Police Staff

"Their aim should be not only to stop pimps and procurers carrying on this trade but to root out the very trade" observed Sir Phiroz Sethna, at the fourteenth annual meeting of the Bombay Vigilance Association held on Friday evening at the Secretariat.

Their report referred to the inadequacy of the police staff working under the Vigilance Branch. Many brothel-keepers and landlords evaded the present Act and the Association therefore decided to approach the Government to secure an amendment of the Act by which the law might be tightened and the loop holes in the existing law stopped.

The report added that the Shelter started in 1926 continued doing good work to many women who were homeless and destitute. During the year 60 women and 4 children were admitted in the Shelter. Women suffering from veneral diseases were sent to hospitals in the City.

Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle pointed out how people especially landlords, were obstructing their progress by helping the brothel-keepers.

The Association thanked the Government of Bombay for continuing their grant of Rs. 4,000. The Chairman, Sir Phiroze appealed for more funds and said that they should be able to establish themselves on better footing.

With a vote of thanks the function ended.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN.)

Though the toll of accidents has fallen for the last few months in the suburbs, there is yet another menace that is on the increase.

Daylight robbery or cheating cases, have now become the daily complaints of the suburbanites. Complaints are received at the police stations nearly every day, but the police do very little about them, because the victims are left with little or no clues at all.

To the many cases I have reported, here is yet another one. Mr. Gabriel Francis Gonsalves, of Bandra has lodged a complaint at the Bandra Police Station, saying that an unknown Madrasi woman entered his house on Monday afternoon while his daughter was asleep and stole a copper pot valued at Rs. 5.

EXTERNEE ARRESTED

On Monday at 7 p.m. a head constable of the Bandra Police, produced Francis D'Souza, who, he reported, on account of his suspicious movements questioned him, but not getting satisfactory answers, brought him to the Police Station.

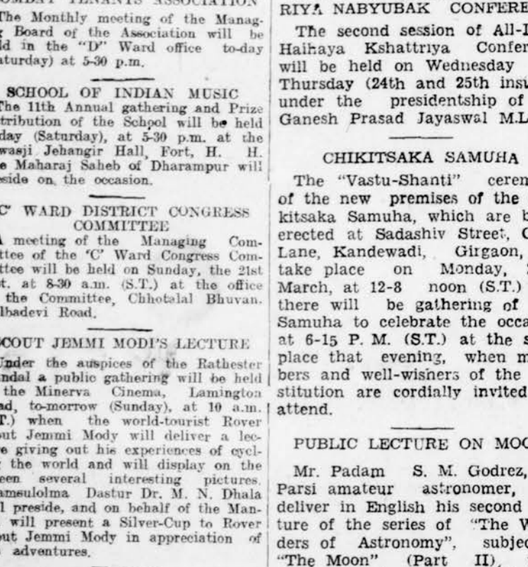
On making inquiries with the Bombay Police Station, it was found that Francis D'Souza was an externee in the Bombay and Bombay Suburban District. D'Souza was then arrested.

ALL-BANDRA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The All-Bandra Fourth Annual Tennis Championship organised by the Bandra Club starts to-day.

This year's entries, though quite good, yet show a considerable drop from the previous years. The Men's Singles event has attracted about 32 entries, Men's Doubles 21, Ladies Singles 6, Ladies Doubles 6, and 9 for Mixed Doubles.

A large number of Local Stars, including Miss Leela Row, Charanjiva, Tew and F. F. Vakharia, are to participate in all the events and it is regretted that Bobb, is not to participate as he is called out of Bombay.



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OFFICIAL & PERSONAL

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Brabourne lunched with the Mayor of Bombay at the Municipal Corporation Hall on Friday.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Brabourne visited the Prince of Wales Museum on Friday.

Lady Brabourne presided at the Annual Public Meeting of the Naigaum Social Service Centre on Friday.

Lady Patricia Ramsay arrived at Government House on Friday.

Ragini Devi For Indo-American Union Picnic

Ragini Devi will give a short address on "Interpretation of Indian Dancing" accompanied with demonstrations at the Indo-American Union after dinner moonlight picnic to be held at Juhu on 21st instant at about 9 p.m. when an Orchestra of Indian Instruments will furnish music.

MATUNGA ATHLETIC CLUB

The following are the fixtures for the "Malabar Star Cup" Volley Ball Tournament for this week end. All matches will be played at the Matunga Athletic ground, near South Indian Buildings, Matunga, G.I.P.

Saturday 20th inst. at 5-45 p.m. The Marwadi Volley Ball Team Vs. Gilder Tank.

Sunday 21st inst. at 5 p.m. (First Match) Dadar Y. M. C.A. Vs. Matunga Athletic Club B. Team (Second Match) Wellington Sports Club vs. Mysore Association.

Dr. Pattabhi's Tour Programme

BOMBAY, March 19.

It is understood that Dr. Pattabhi, the President of the States' Peoples' Conference and a prominent Congressman, will arrive in Bombay on April 7 to attend the meetings of the Working Committee of the All-India States Peoples' Conference, after having completed an extensive tour of Kathiawar, on which he starts on March 22.—A.P.

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As Mohorram Shia holiday falls on Monday, the 22nd inst. members of this Association shall observe the said holiday on Monday instead of on Tuesday the 23rd inst. as notified in the list of holidays of the Association.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Convention which met at Delhi on Friday is a new creation of the Indian National Congress, and as such it has to accept the Congress policy and programme to which its members are already pledged and has to fill out the outline of that policy with only details of work in the new provincial legislatures. This point was made quite clear by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his presidential address at the Convention when he said: "The Congress policy and programme are clear and fixed for us by repeated resolutions of the Congress itself and by our election manifesto. We must move within that orbit and any attempt to go out of it would be a betrayal of that policy and of the larger interests for which the Congress has stood." What is the Convention to do within the four corners of the Congress legislative policy, as outlined in the Election Manifesto and the resolutions of competent Congress Committees including the latest about office acceptance? Inasmuch as the Congress Party in each province has to devise various activities suited, on the one hand, to local circumstances and, on the other hand, in consonance with the declared policy of the Congress, some body is necessary to co-ordinate the various provincial plans. And, as Pandit Jawaharlal points out, the Convention is the fittest body "to keep the All-India character of our work in the legislatures even in the fore-front and to prevent fissiparous tendencies and the development of provincialism." And referring to the need for a uniform discipline among all Congress members in the legislatures, he gives the following timely warning: "Every effort is likely to be made on the part of our opponents to affect breaches in that discipline and All-India policy, but we must realise that without that self-imposed discipline and uniformity, our strength goes and we become isolated groups and individuals, ignored and crushed in turn by our opponents". The Convention can be a great help, to the Congress in presenting a United National front to Government in the legislatures.

Conquest Of Power.

The Aim

Another important point emphasised by Pandit Jawaharlal in his speech was that, whatever might be the details of the Congress legislative policy, they must all be directed towards wrecking the Constitution. None need regard the A.I.C.C. decision in support of office acceptance as the slightest indication to the contrary. As Pandit Jawaharlal remarked in his speech, which was written before the A.I.C.C., arrived at a decision on the question, "whatever the decision of the A.I.C.C. might be, the whole logic of Congress resolutions and declarations and policy leads us to maintain a spirit of Non-co-operation towards this Constitution." There are some who wonder how the constructive part of the Congress programme with regard to repeal of repressive laws, reduction of revenue and rent, etc. can be reconciled with the spirit of Non-co-operation. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari showed clearly at the A.I.C.C. how this could be done. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya hoped that Rajaji would be able to do as he had suggested. We are sure that the latter will make an ideal Congress Minister and would by his own policy illustrate the method of working as Minister in a spirit of Non-co-operation. The most important point to be noted in this connection is that if only the Congress work in the country keeps up the spirit of Non-co-operation, it will be impossible for any Congress Minister to drift into co-operation with the British Government Pandit Jawaharlal naturally laid the greatest stress on this point and said: "It is not by mere votes in the legislatures, or petty reforms, or even artificial deadlocks, that freedom will come, but by the mobilisation of mass strength, and the co-ordination of our struggle in the legislatures with our struggles outside. For, essentially, we aim at the conquest of power, power for the Indian people to shape their destiny, and that power will only come through our own strength and will to achieve." The biggest task of the Congress now is to perfect its organisation in the countryside by, among other ways, establishing close contact with the masses.

Congress And Muslims

One of the best parts of Pandit Jawaharlal's speech was that wherein he declared that the outstanding feature of the last elections was that the success of the Congress was everywhere in proportion to its contact with the masses and wherein he pleaded for closer contact with the Muslim masses all over the country. The time is also most propitious for giving special attention to this task. For the Pandit pounts out: "One of the most remarkable signs of the times is the ferment amongst the Muslims in India, both the intelligentsia and the masses. Without any effective leadership, they have drifted aimlessly, and they resent this helpless position and feel that the communal leadership they have had has weakened them politically, in spite of the trivial and superficial gains which they are supposed to have got from an imperialism which seeks to wean them away from the national movement. Muslim young men and old, and the Muslim Press, are full of this self-analysis, and the desire to get out of the communal rut and line up with the forces of freedom and progress is strong within them." To win the support of the Muslim masses to the Congress is the speediest and most effective method of solving the Hindu-Muslim problem. And the solution of that problem is the speediest and most effective method of winning complete independence.

Carry On His Work

At a public meeting of a number of men from the Frontier Province assembled at Delhi on Friday, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan conveyed a most suitable message to his Frontier brethren. He asked them not to care much who became Ministers in the Province, but to carry on their own constructive programme with redoubled energy. It is by carrying out that programme that the Khan Saheb transformed a backward province into one of the best organised provinces in the country, with a record of patriotic service, communal unity and loyalty to Congress, which no other Province can excel. And Government know this but too well. Inasmuch as they still ban his entry into his province, it is up to the people to carry on his work with even greater determination, to make amends for his absence from them, but receiving inspiration from his example.

Sapru's Patriotic Plea

We are profoundly and fundamentally opposed to the politics with which Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru has long been intimately and prominently associated. But we have deep respect for his views on the cultural and language problems of Indian Nationalism. And we heartily endorse his plea for vernacular which he made at a meeting of students in Lahore. Originality, he said, could not be developed in a foreign language, and he would prefer to be a second class writer in his own mother tongue than a first class one in a foreign language. These are sentiments as sound as they are patriotic. It is in the mother tongue that the future of the Nation lies. And we are glad that this truth is now fast dawning on our countrymen. But much work has yet to be done. And, if we may say so, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, who has retired from active politics, can render incalculable and everylasting service to his country and his people by devoting himself to the cause of Hindustani.

LATE MR. D. N. SIRUR

An Appreciation

(BY A FRIEND AND ADMIRER.)

The late Mr. D. N. Sirur made a great name for himself as an expert in the textile industry and many a millowner sought his advice. Indeed he seemed to have specialised in saving mills that had been given up as profitless concerns. He showed an aptitude for such work even in his early youth. Himself a son of a mill manager, he wished, a few years after matriculating from the Bombay University, to do textile business on independent lines, and he got his chance soon enough.

Mr. James Chrystal of Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. was tired of the agencies of the mill management, as he found better opportunities of amassing fortune with greater ease than the bother of financing and managing the agencies of two mills under him. The Maharajah of Mysore Spg. and Wg. Co., Ltd. of Bangalore, went, therefore, into voluntary liquidation. Mr. D. N. Sirur's desire was fulfilled. He got the agency of management and with the Mysore Government's financial help to revive the mills, he commenced his operations, though his father, a senior partner of Messrs. P. Chrystal and Company, just then retired, was not in favour of his son's new enterprise. Mr. D. N. Sirur was, however, heart and soul in it. His one ambition was to work the concern to success without the slightest regard to his personal comfort or income. In fact, he forgot his petty self in the desire for the success of the enterprise. Bred up in the high moral atmosphere of Sir Narayen Chandavarkar, his father-in-law, the character of Mr. D. N. Sirur gradually began to flower in the building up of the concern.

Scrupulous Honesty

The Managing Agents of many a mill have generally their own little finger in every department, cotton buying, yarn and cloth selling, store's purchases and what not. Mr. Sirur's keen moral sense kept him above all the temptations. He was so very strict and economical in the working that he would not take wrong advantage of a single pie even in charging his own personal bills to Mills account. This had a marvellous effect on the subordinates. When the mill began to work properly, though in terms of the agency agreement, he was entitled to a commission of 0/0/3 per pound of cloth on the production in the mills, he got it changed to percentage on profits, contenting himself with the small margin left out of the Office Allowance allotted. With such economy, strictness and honesty, the concern—with all his intelligence to study the minutest details for himself—began to show gradually better results. After a few years Mr. Chrystal, who had sold all his shares each of Rs. 250/ face value at a nominal price of Rs. 20/ to Mr. D. N. Sirur, at the time of handing over the agency, bought new issues of shares at Rs. 250/ and became one of the Directors on the Board.

Concern For Workers

For the poor labourers also he had his heart at the same time. During the control of rice and oil, by the Government, he bought on Mills account and supplied these to the labourers perhaps with slight losses. He built good chawls for Labour to live in and engaged a doctor for free medical help. He treated the workers with paternal love and care. Thus gradually his industrialistic abilities began to enlarge themselves. At the time of his death he was the Managing Agent of no less than four Mills, besides being the Director of a couple of others.

A Generous Soul.

In his private social life he was unassuming, none-the-less, not less philanthropic. Unasked and unsolicited the help flowed out month after month, year in and year out, and with all the flow of love. How many a family of his own community and how many a one of other communities as well, have been helped to earn honest and good living?

The Next War—I

No Early Danger Of A Franco-German War

By MURRAY G. PURDY

The entire available resources of an already impoverished world are being lavishly poured into armaments. Every nation, great or small is making frenzied efforts to organize such offensive arms as the national treasury will permit. All cry for peace, and prepare for war. None know when or where the conflagration will begin, but all are sure that it will eventuate. The general state of alarm is accentuated by the knowledge, gained at such tragic cost in the last Great War, that every conflict—even of a minor type—tends to become world-wide in its scope. In the see-saw of opinions, each influenced by party, faction, or national interest, it is excessively difficult to form any definite opinion of the position as a whole. But as the nations are actually divided into groups and sub-groups by their territorial positions and politico-economic situations, it is necessary for purposes of analysis to treat the subject of their various dispositions in an eclectic fashion.

Germany's Position

To begin with the relations between those two traditional enemies, Germany and France. Those two nations were primarily responsible for the last greatest International War known to history. Hitler's illegal re-occupation and arming of the Rhine districts—though such action was specially prohibited by the Treaty of Versailles,—his enormous preparations for an offensive war, and the Nazi's press attacks upon the French have all given a superficial appearance of an imminent clash between the two countries. Nor has the French alarm, and their subsequent frantic re-armament, plus the strengthening of the already so-called impregnable "Maginot Line" served to dispel this opinion. Nevertheless, we are forced to the conclusion that despite surface appearances, there is little danger of an immediate Franco-German war

The powers behind the present Nazi dictatorship are not fundamentally different to those which drove the First Reich into its suicidal struggle for world domination. And it is true that the mad desire for colonies occupies an increasingly important place in Hitler's propaganda, but even though it is a case of "expand or burst" for Germany, does this mean that the Third Reich will attempt expansion in the same fatal direction as that taken by the Kaiser? Almost certainly not. The masters of Germany are sadder, poorer, and very much wiser men than they were in 1914. The German Empire forcibly constricted to the procrusteen bed of its own shattered and dismembered body, is infinitely weaker than it was a generation ago. Germany's chief military ally was the great Austrian Empire (which includes the pressure which the Hapsburgs brought on several small states to remain neutral), apart from the militant support of Turkey and Bulgaria

Austria

The Austrian Empire has gone—never to return. In its place are many small States which are not only not sympathetic to Germany but are anxious to avert the ever-growing peril of a too-powerful Third Reich, with its Government's openly expressed desire for a single European Germanic bloc,—which means in effect the enslavement of all the "Germanic" peoples of South-eastern Europe by Nazi Germany. The Little Entente, and most of its neighbours, have every reason to attempt to use their position, in so far as they find internal agreement, to preserve a certain balance of power between both French and German aspirations to European hegemony. It surely cannot be controverted that those small nations which were compelled to fight as subjects of the Austrian Empire will not willingly assist Hitler to destroy the power of France—the only great continental Power which acts as a counterpoise to German ambition. Of Germany's other wartime allies little need be said: Bulgaria is now completely isolated from her former ally by the territory of the independent Balkan States, and Turkey, after her experience will not again intervene. It is thus clear that, in the utterly changed conditions and radically different orientation of power in Europe, the possibility of a new Germanic warlike alliance of the 1914 type, especially if it is to be directed against France, is practically eliminated.

Italy

Before and since the time of Garibaldi, Italian Governments have been swayed alternately by the fear of French, and the terror of German, expansionist aspirations. The control of the Italian "Boot," for instance, by either of these two nations, would finally settle the enormously important question of the internal domination of the Mediterranean. Italy has more interest in preventing either France or Germany from gaining complete hegemony in Europe than any other nation on the Continent. It is clear to all that Hitler has every intention of eventually 'absorbing' Austria, thereby obtaining a preliminary outlet to the south-east, and thus getting a future basis from which to seize Fiume, which is the only likely point at which he could construct a Mediterranean naval base. But to 'grab' Austria would most certainly bring on a declaration of war from Italy which is well aware of the potentialities flowing from such a move, and as this would necessarily and inevitably draw France—and then England—into the conflict, Hitler has been forced to abandon his Austrian programme until a more important issue in the east is settled.

Apart from a 'defensive' war over Austria, Mussolini has every necessity to avoid a war of any kind, but particularly a war against France. The apparent similarity of the Fascist regimes of Italy and Germany does not in any way alter their fundamental antagonism; in fact, both have such similar designs on the small Balkan nations, that they cannot agree upon anything, except, perhaps, the anti-socialist intervention in Spain, or a war against the Soviets. The bloody conquest of Abyssinia has bankrupted the Italian exchequer, weakened the army (two lakhs of men remain in Africa), and, owing to war privation, soured the temper of the Italian people. Mussolini's present boastfulness is intended to cover weakness, not to display strength, and in a war of Germany against France he would have to take the stronger side. One aspect remains to be considered.

Will France Attack

Germany?

This possibility can be entertained only in the sense that France may be forced to fight to maintain the 'balance of power' or "status quo" in Europe, should Germany

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

GOVERNOR & SPECIAL POWERS

Prosposing the health of Lord and Lady Brabourne at the Mayoral lunch on Thursday, the Mayor referred to the widespread fear about the Governors using their special powers under the new Constitution and remarked that "if there is one provincial Governor in India who can be relied upon to make the path of his Ministers smooth, that individual is His Excellency Lord Brabourne." Whether the compliment is fully deserved or not a few weeks will show. Meanwhile all that Lord Brabourne would say in acknowledging the compliment was that "he sincerely trusted that he might receive from my future Ministers that friendly co-operation which he was ready to extend to them."

A CASE FOR INQUIRY

Shahjehanpur which is an important town in the United Provinces came into prominence during the last elections as a result of a statement by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru regarding the suicide of a student. It created a furore in the country and public feeling has by no means been satisfied by a subsequent explanation from the Head Master. The tragedy still needs a sifting inquiry. In the meantime there comes another report according to which 46 teachers belonging to different District Board schools in Shahjehanpur have been dismissed on charges of attending Congress election meetings, and working and voting for Congress candidates. This large scale dismissal becomes all the more significant in view of the fact that the Chairman of the District Board is one of the candidates defeated by the Congress during the elections. Congress owes it to itself as much as to these men to inquire carefully into this incident. Innocent men cannot be allowed to become helpless victims of anti-Congress injustice and vindictiveness.

AN INTOLERABLE INSULT.

Imperialists of Great Britain are perturbed over the question of British recruits serving in the Army in their Indian Empire. Their anxiety was ventilated in the House of Commons, the other day, when

Sir Victor Warrender, replying for Government, referred to the suggestion that recruits for foreign service might be forthcoming from the Dominions, and said that he was not sure that many would be found willing to serve for 21 years in India. *"Government had not, however, lost sight of the possibility of obtaining recruits from the Dominions."* (Our italics).

We are amazed at the temerity of the Government's reply. It constitutes an insult to India which is simply intolerable. The presence in this country of a British Army of occupation is bad enough. But, instead of withdrawing that Army, the Britisher proposes to invite his cousins from the Dominions to share in Imperialist domination over India. The "possibility" which the British Government visualises is significant in its symbolism. We are to be slaves in the British Empire of white Imperialism.

INDIANISATION OF R. I. N.

The Council of State has rejected Mr. Kalikar's resolution recommending the acceleration of the pace of Indianisation of the Royal Indian Navy. This was not unexpected. Nor was Government's opposition unexpected. The Commander-in-Chief, who certainly spoke in conciliatory terms, did not, however, say anything which can convince any Indian that the resolution could not be expected. His Excellency pleaded that the Present cadre was small and, therefore, there was no room in it for more Indians. The very sufficient answer to this plea is that, according to the speaker himself, "there were 123 officers in the R. I. N., of whom 10 were Indians and 12 more Indians were under training." The case for acceleration is further more than amply proved by the Commander-in-Chief's welcome admission that "Government would have no difficulty in getting officers in India." His Excellency incidentally, observed rather regrettfully that "in India at present we have no naval reserves and our Mercantile Marine is still in its infancy." Does he not know why our Mercantile Marine is still in its infancy?

WHAT TO READ.

"What to Read: A Study Syllabus" by Mr. Yusuf Meherally is a small book published by the Congress Socialist Party which should be in the hands of all those who wish to make a serious study of current affairs. "The idea of preparing this little Syllabus," the author writes, "arose in the numerous enquiries received at the office of the Congress Socialist Party from different parts of India asking for suggestions for reading on different topics." The book contains a list of select and representative books on Socialism, Marx and Marxism, Imperialism, Fascism, International Affairs, Labour, Peasant, Women's and Youth movements and books of Reference. A welcome feature of the book is that the author gives a brief summary of many of the books in the list which though not complete or exhaustive, is adequate enough for any enthuiastic student.

Reduce Rents

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir.—Now that the Congress has secured a majority in the Bombay Legislative Assembly, one of the duties which it owes to the electorates and especially to the people of the Bombay City proper is to get a Bill passed by that House reviving the Rent Act. In this connection it is gratifying to note the resolution passed by the Congress Working Committee which met at Wardha after the elections directing the Congress members to get rents and taxes substantially reduced. The Bombay Tenants' Central Committee which has been doing some good work has also passed resolutions in this behalf urging the enactment of the Rent Act and a reduction of rents by 50 per cent. The necessity of this measure is greatly felt in the "C" and "D" Wards of the city where rents have been increased to an unconscionable extent. In many cases, practically half the salary or income earned by an average middle-class person goes in payment of the house rent and in the remaining portion he has to provide for the clothing and food etc., for himself and his dependants. This being so, unless immediate steps are taken in the legislatures to pass the necessary Bill matters will still be worsened Will the Honourable members in the House awake now to their sense of duty and thus justify the confidence reposed in them by their people?—Yours etc.,

S. B. KALGUTKAR.

SOME HOPE.

After declaring that communism is intrinsically wrong, the Pope urges as remedies that the faithful detach themselves from worldly goods and that employers and wealthy recognise the working man's right to adequate pay.

—Reuter.

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Ye gods! It has begun already. Here are two extracts from the despatch of the Delhi correspondent of our Anglo-Indian contemporary sent on March 17.

(1) "It is recognised among non-Congressmen that the Working Committee's aptitude in handling a very difficult situation is proved by their resolution to be very much greater than many, even of their own followers, believed"

(2) ".....that sincere anxiety for the highest welfare of India, for which the Viceroy frankly gave the Congress leaders credit in his banquet speech two nights ago."

Verily POWER works miracle among its worshippers.

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JAMNADAS MEHTA PROPOSES GOVERNOR'S TOAST AT MAYORAL LUNCHEON:

Govt.'s Tight Fist Dips Deep In Our Pockets

—Headlines.

Prominent among others present were Sir Dhunjishaw Cooper, Sir A. M. K. Dehlavi, Sir S. T. Kambli and, in fairness to them, we must authoritatively declare that their behaviour, was above board both collectively and individually.

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"Earlier in his speech His Excellency expressed gratification at the fact that the signs of prosperity to which the Chairman had referred, happily synchronised with his arrival in Sind and assumption of the office of Governor."

Karachi Report.

An agreeable surprise undoubtedly.

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KNOCK-OFT BLOW TO GRIGG

Sugar Excise To Go

—B. C. Headlines.

You are counting without the REFEREE-in-Council, brother.

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It is reported that the Spanish Government forces have registered an advance.

We hope it wouldn't be a signal for the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee to register another retreat.

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"TRIPOLI, March 18.

The sword of Islam—a magnificent present from the native chiefs to Mussolini—was accepted by the Duce in a ringing speech at an impressive ceremony on the market square."

—Reuter.

Which somehow reminds us—and quite irrelevantly we frankly confess—of the fine steel which Mr. Jinnah, was 'pleased' to promise his people the pleasure of fashioning out of his M.L.A.'s.

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U. K. Budget On April 20

—Headline.

What with inspiring expenditure on land and sea and in the air, the question is whether it will be O. K. or K. O.

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A motorist was giving a woman lessons in driving.

"The hand lever,' he said, 'brakes the rear wheels only, and the floor pedal brakes all four. Is that clear?

'M—m, yes,' replied the woman doubtfully, 'but I'd rather not have any of them broken.'

Will Viceroy Certify Finance Bill?

Congress Party Amendment For Half Anna Postcard Carried By Huge Majority

NEW DELHI, March 19.

The Congress Party's amendment for the reduction of the price on the Post Card to half an anna and a Reply Post Card to one anna was carried by the Assembly by 67 votes to 43.

FINANCE BILL DEBATE.

With packed galleries the Legislative Assembly resumed the discussion of Lala Shamlal's amendment to the Finance Bill for a reduction of the price of postcard to half an anna.

Professor Ranga felt that half an anna posacard was a legitimate demand and Government could afford to be liberal in this respect. Professor Ranga accused the Government of niggardliness in providing postal facilities in rural areas.

Sir A. H. Ghaznavi said they could not have more postal facilities in the rural parts without sufficient funds. He thought cheaper post-card would only help the rich commercial people and therefore he was opposed to the amendment.

PENALISING THE POOR.

Mr. Joshi said to raise the price of goods in time of depression was not a sound policy. The Government, however, was following it in the postal department by increasing the postal rates. The Government should not favour the wealthy class by fixing low rates for telegrams and penalise the poor by increasing the postal rates.

Mr. A Ayyangar wanted removal of the monopoly of the Postal Department. If that was done the heads of the department would not get such high salaries as they were getting.

BEWOOR'S REPLY.

Mr. Bewoor, Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, replying to the debate said that all points raised in the debate were replied in the course of the debate last year. On the other hand, he had not seen any reply to the arguments put forward by himself then.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

Mr. Sriprakasa said that it was a sad fact that corruption, bribery and mismanagement was rampant in every Department of the Government. In the midst of such an atmosphere it was creditable that there was practically no corruption in Posts and Telegraphs Department. The postman was always welcome and even eagerly looked for. He appealed to Government to reduce the price on the postcard and earn the goodwill of the people at large. The amendment was put to vote and carried by 67 votes to 43 amidst cheers.

Mr. Sriprakash moved the next amendment that in case of book pattern and sample packets for first five tolas (instead of 2½ tolas proposed in the Bill) or a fraction thereof the rate be six pies and for every additional five tolas or fraction thereof in excess of five tolas total the rate to be six pies.

Mr. Bajoria supported the amendment.

Mr. Bewoor said that the loss would be about 5½ lakhs which would wash out the small margin of profit in the Budget.

The amendment was rejected without division.

POSTAGE FOR NEWSPAPERS.

The House adopted the next amendment which was also supported by Government the effect of which would be that on Registered newspapers weighing ten tolas (instead of eight proposed in the Bill) the charge would be a quarter of an anna and for weight exceeding 10 tolas and not exceeding 20 tolas the charge would be half an anna.

There was some discussion on Mr. Sri Prakash's amendment suggesting that more than one copy of a registered newspaper of the same date shall be allowed to be sent at the rates fixed thereof if the total weight is within the permissible limits.

Mr. Bewoor said that the rates for carriage of newspapers were extremely low, in fact the lowest in the world. Government was already losing heavily on newspapers and were not prepared to make further experiments as it was not possible to estimate the loss.

Mr. Satyamurthi said that the amendment was reasonable and he was sure that Government would lose no money.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir, on the other hand, opposed it, stating that newspapers would resort to print on flimsy papers rendering the reading of such newspapers very difficult.

Mr. Saxena said that the concession would increase the circulation of newspapers among villagers who would be benefited.

Sir Frank Noyce said that no further concession to newspapers was possible. As it was, Government was losing about 12½ lakhs annually on Press Telegraph rates.

Mr. Asaf Ali said that acceptance of the amendment would result in stimulating the newspaper industry, indirectly encouraging mass education, increased commercial activity.

NEGATIVED.

Sir A. H. Ghaznavi opposed the amendment which was negatived without division.

The remainder of the clauses of the Bill having been adopted the President called upon the Finance Member to move the Final Reading of the Bill.

Sir James Grigg said that he did not propose to make the motion to-day.

The House adjourned till to-morrow.—A. P.

WILL IT BE CERTIFIED?

NEW DELHI: March 19.

Lobby talks reveal when the Assembly carried the amendment to reduce the price of postcard to 2 pice, the Finance Member will not make a third reading of the motion that the Finance Bill as amended be passed.

It is understood, at to-morrow's sitting of the Assembly, the Governor-General's message may be read recommending to the Assembly to pass the Finance Bill in the form recommended namely, with Sugar Excise Duty and Import Duty rates and Post-card at 3 pice restored. The certified Bill is not likely to be accepted and will be placed before the Council of State.—United Press.

"BEST KNOWN TO HIMSELF"

The Legislative Assembly having concluded the consideration of the Finance Bill clause by clause, the President called upon the Finance Member to make the next motion, namely that the Bill as amended be passed.

Sir James Grigg said: "Sir, I don't propose to make the motion to-day."

Mr. Satyamurti: "May I know, Sir, why he does not move to-day?"

The President: "For the reason best known to himself.

The Finance Member will make a motion to-morrow that the Finance Bill be passed in the manner recommended by the Governor-General.—A. P.

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Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

AMARAL—John Steven retired District Controller of Stores G. I.P. expired at 3 a.m. to-day. Funeral leaves his residence Amaralville Mahim, at 6 p.m. to-day.

670 KILLED

Disaster In America Due To Gas Explosion

TYLER, March 19.

The principal of a school which is at New London, fifteen miles from Tyler, estimates that 670 pupils and teachers have been killed.

Martial Law has been proclaimed in the vicinity of New London.

It is now suggested that the disaster may have been due to the explosion of a pipe line carrying gas from a nearby oilfield and not to a boiler.

TRAGEDY ON EVE OF SCHOOL CLOSING

The Midwestern Headquarters of the Red Cross, which are in charge of rescue operations, compute that 670 children and teachers were killed and 275 injured when the boiler-room explosion, yesterday afternoon wrecked the school, serving local communities. About 700 children were assembled in the High School section of the School's two buildings.

Ten minutes before dismissal when the explosion brought the walls and roofs down upon them with a roar heard five miles around. Last night in the eerie glare of floodlights set in the school football field an army of 1,500 workers were scrambling over the shambles which the building had become searching for survivors. Though the cries of some children can still be heard, not until the twisted mass of steel girders is cut away by acetylene torches and the piles concrete and brick overturned, can they be reached.

DISTRACTED PARENTS' PLIGHT

Bodies are being removed at the rate of one every minute. The total hitherto is 399 and as each child is carried from the debris screaming parents rush forward, breaking down the emergency lines, in an effort at identification All roads leading to the school are virtually blocked by streams of parents and sightseers.

The National Guard has been ordered to clear the scene as the work of doctors and the ambulance is seriously impeded. President Roosevelt has issued a statement expressing horror at the disaster. He has asked the Red Cross to give every assistance in their power. The Red Cross has rushed 18 doctors and nurses to the scene by 'plane and others have hastened from nearby cities.—Reuter's Special

POLITICAL PRISONERS' RELIEF CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, March 19.

Babu Rajendra Prasad writes:—

A meeting under the auspices of the Political Prisoners' Relief Conference will be held at Ansari Nagar on March 20 and 21 at 8 in the morning under the presidentship of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose to give expression to public feeling on the question of treatment of political prisoners. I hope the members of all legislatures assembled and the public will attend the Conference and demonstrate the strength of feeling behind the demands."—United Press.

FRESH PROOF OF CONGRESS SOLIDARITY

(From Our Correspondent.)

ANSARI NAGAR: CONGRESS CAMP: DELHI, March 19.

Mrs. Naidu interviewed by the Associated Press about yesterday's decision of the All-India Congress Committee said: "The Congress, as recent elections have so triumphantly demonstrated, is a living and indestructible force. It emerges like the fabled phoenix, newborn in strength from the ashes of its own oft-rumoured funerals. The present session of the A. I. C. C. has given fresh proof of the discipline and solidarity of the Congress".

SIMPSON DIVORCE CASE

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Stephenson was in the Court.

The Attorney-General replied that he was told he was there.

Stephenson further informed the King's Proctor that having regard to the events which happened in December 1936 and which were now matters of history, he had decided to withdraw intervention.

It appeared that Stephenson had no evidence to support the intervention and he was unable to indicate any source from which it was likely that evidence would be forthcoming. The King's Proctor received a number of letters suggesting that pressure was brought to bear upon him or the Attorney-General to prevent investigation. There was no truth in the allegation; there had been no pressure of any kind.

CASE FOR INVESTIGATION

It was untrue that the Proctor treated the case differently from other cases. The Proctor had a large number of letters based, for the most part, on the merest gossip and rumour. Apart from the letters the circumstances of the case made it, in his opinion, a proper case for investigation. The Proctor made a thorough investigation bearing in mind firstly whether the case was collusive, secondly whether the petitioner connived at the adultery of the respondent, thirdly whether there had been conduct on the part of the petitioner, which, unless the Court exercised discretion in her favour, disentitled her to relief.

RESULT OF INQUIRIES

The Proctor brought his own great experience to the investigations. The result of his enquiries into all aspects of the case, including the points mentioned by the intervener, was that there is no evidence to justify me in directing intervention.

When the Attorney-General resumed his seat the Judge enquired "Is Stephenson here?"

An elderly man rose and answered: "Yes my Lord" "I would just like to say this. The facts as put by the Attorney-General are substantially correct and that applies to any steps taken by me and anything that may have been said by me since"

JUDGE SEEKS INFORMATION

Stephenson added that he adhered to his decision to withdraw and would consent to any order.

Mr. Norman Birkett, on behalf of Mrs. Simpson, said that it was impossible for the petitioner to deal with the rumours or allegations of pressure and statements of that kind cannot fail to do harm. The petitioner's solicitors offered the fullest co-operation in the inquiries.

The Judge said he wanted to know why the trial had been heard at Ipswich.

Mr. Birkett said that the primary reason was that expedition was desired by the petitioner who was at that time in ill-health.

The Judge ordered the appearance of the intervener to be struck out.

The Judge outlined the legal aspect of the matter and said that Stephenson's default in not filing information did not get rid of his appearance in the suit and therefore, the Judge ordered the Proctor to investigate so that there should be no legitimate grounds for suspicion in the public mind that this case was being treated differently from any other. It was reasonable that the case should be heard at Ipswich for the sake of expedition. The Proctor must assume responsibility in making charges or connivance, being prepared to prove specific facts; moreover the Court was bound to try the charges not upon rumour and press paragraphs, but upon the evidence. The Proctor has no right to make any charges he cannot support.—Reuter.

Mae West in "Go West Young Man" at Pathe.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 1.)

his observations to the reaffirmation of his views on the situation couched in such crisp and picturesque style as to give it freshness.

The Convention, he said, had no background except what "we chose to give it, has no figure except such as we determine."

Yet they knew well their moorings and their purpose and though as a Convention they might be new, they had their roots in those past struggles which were written in the history of the Congress.

UNITY OF ACTION

He said: "Our decisions must be All-India decisions, for it would be fatal to have variations in the policy to suit minor needs of the provinces. Unity of India has to be maintained so also the unity of our struggle against Imperialism. Danger lurks in the provinces acting separately and being induced to parley separately. Therefore, as I conceive it, the chief virtue of this Convention now or later is to keep this All-India character of our work in the legislatures ever in the forefront and to prevent fissiparous tendencies and development of provincialism.

DISCIPLINE AND UNIFORMITY

A necessary counter-part of this is the maintenance of uniform discipline among Congress members of all legislatures. Every effort is likely to be made on the part of our opponents to effect breaches in that discipline and All-India policy, but we must realise that without that self-imposed discipline and uniformity our strength goes and we become groups and individuals, ignored and crushed in turn by our opponents."

NOT CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

The President cleared the misunderstandings with regard to the Convention which he said some people thought was itself the Constituent Assembly and was going to draft a New Constitution for India. "This Convention is going do no such thing. That is not its function and the time for drawing up India's Constitution is not yet. Nor is the Constituent Assembly a magnified All-Parties Conference."

IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT CONVENTION

ANSARI NAGAR, CONGRESS CAMP, DELHI: March 19.

Members of the Working Committee entered the Pandal in procession to the accompaniment of a band. The whole assembly of nearly 5,000 including the delegates and visitors, that filled the pandal stood in silence as the "Bande Mataram" was sung. Professor Indra, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, welcomed the delegates to Delhi which, from puranic days, had played an important part in the political life of India.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru rose amid cheers and delivered his address.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Before doing so he announced that the Oath of Allegiance, which was in Hindi, would later in the proceedings be read by him slowly, a few words at a time, and the delegates would repeat them. He should like the signature of all delegates present at the Convention, the reason being that if an invitation had been extended to those outside the Congress gathering, it would have been entirely difficult in character. The intention was not that thereby they were expressing opposition to co-operation with them.

WHO DARES OPPOSE CONGRESS?

Pandit Nehru spoke with the greatest emphasis on the need to bring Muslims into the Congress fold, and referred to the North-west Frontier and the Punjab. The Punjab was the only province in which non-Congress parties had secured an absolute majority. Why was it so? Physically, that province had some of the strongest men in India, but the leadership was very weak. That was the reason. Even to-day, if the Congressmen put their heart into their work, they would have achieved as great a success in the Punjab as in the United Provinces. It was a matter of shame not to have so worked. Who was there who could have dared oppose the Congress? The greatest electoral success had been achieved by men who were poor and unknown, but who served the Congress cause. The greatest success had been achieved with the least expense. The Congress had spent less than the other parties, but even that was too much. The Congress should not have spent it. He knew of instances of Congressmen who spent Rs. 250, but hung a collection box outside the House and got Rs. 350 out of it.

NOT A PAPER RESOLUTION

Referring to office acceptance, he declared what he was concerned with, and what the masses were concerned with was not closing down of toddy shops, but the Independence of India. (Cheers.) Let not the Legislators lose themselves in minor things. He did not mean that they should spurn small things like a pie or 'rotty' for the poor. In this country even these things were of great value. There was no question of our taking office if our condition was not fulfilled, said the Pandit, referring to the proviso in the resolution. It was not a mere paper condition, but a condition that had to be strictly adhered to, before office was accepted.

The Leader of the Congress Party had to state in public what the Governor had said to him. (Cheers).

WARNING AND APPEAL.

He felt that acceptance of offices would result in lowering the Congress Standard, but now that the resolution had been adopted, he like an humble soldier, would loyally abide by it. If, however, there were occasions when the conditions proved unbearable to him, he would come before them, and request them to relieve him of his responsibility. Naturally, he could not lead an army when he did not know the way. Under such conditions, it was only proper that they should get another leader. By this, he did not mean to imply that he contemplated raising such an issue now (prolonged cheers).

IMPRESSIVE SCENE.

It was 7-40, p.m. when, at Mr. Yakub Hassan's suggestion, all the members of the Working Committee and other leaders like Pandit Malaviya, excepting the President, got down from the dais and stood with the other delegates. It was a most impressive scene. Pandit Nehru slowly read the words of the pledge in Hindi, and a thousand throats repeated them after him. The Convention then adjourned for the day, till 2 p.m. to-morrow.—A.P.

'BETRAYAL OF BASIC PRINCIPLE OF CONGRESS'

City Leadership Election 'Thoroughly Undemocratic'

NO PERSONALITY INVOLVED IN IT SAYS SOCIALIST PARTY EXECUTIVE

BOMBAY: March 19.

The Executive Committee of the Bombay Congress Socialist Party has issued the following statement:—

The manner in which the election of the Congress Party Leader in the Bombay Legislature was manoeuvred at the recent meeting of the Congress legislators in Bombay has aroused public indignation in the City.

Wrong Agitation

The expression of this indignation, we feel, has unfortunately manifested itself into a mistaken line of agitation. It is sought to be made out that it is a question of supersession of Mr. K. F. Nariman and a personal and communal turn is being given to the entire agitation.

NO PERSONAL QUESTION

We wish to make it clear that it is not a personal question and no personality is involved in it. Nor is it a question on which communal or sectional passions should be aroused to the detriment of Congress prestige and influence. The question is far more fundamental and vitally affects the Congress organisation. It is not so much the supersession of Mr. Nariman as the betrayal of the basic principle of the Congress, that is at issue.

BUREAUCRATIC TENDENCY.

It is that the election of the Party Leader in Bombay was thoroughly undemocratic and the way it was manoeuvred betrays a bureaucratic tendency in the Right Wing leadership which, if it is not checked betimes, will, we are afraid, lead to the weakening of the struggle for national independence and against Imperialism. Especially dangerous is this tendency, when the A.I.C.C. has decided on the acceptance by Congress of office under the Slave Constitution for it vests the Congress Ministers with certain powers of patronage.

NEED FOR VIGILANCE.

If Congress should keep up its revolutionary basis, which it is assuming increasingly under Socialist and radical influence, the primary organisations of the Congress and the rank and file of its members have to be more vigilant and by the extension of the Congress organisations to every Moholla, Tehsil and Taluka prevent the Parliamentary activity degenerating into sterile constitutionalism."—United Press.

INDIAN POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

LONDON, March 19.

The 'Financial Times" in editorial "Indian politics and economics" says that fortunately Parliamentary procedure makes the widest appeal in India, and this will provide an added inducement to the victors in the elections to make the most of the present opportunities to prove their mettle.

They are fortunate in that the surrounding conditions in many respects are improving.

Support for optimistic views is found in the phenomenal increase of merchant exports which will influence imports and thereby expand customs revenue and also stimulate railway activity.

In many diverse ways the road has been cleared for a smooth transition to the new regime. The rest lies with those charged with its operation.—Reuter.

U. S. AND EXPORT OF WAR MATERIALS

WASHINGTON, March 19.

The House of Representatives passed, by 374 votes to 12, McReynold's Neutrality Bill, embodying, as a permanent measure, the existing Temporary Neutrality laws, and permits the President to prohibit the export of war materials to belligerents at his discretion.

The Republicans joined the Democrats in support of the amendment by the Democrat, Mr. Shanley, limiting to two years "Cash and Carry" provision for the shipment of war materials to belligerents.

Mr. Shanley declared that president Roosevelt's foreign policy should be given a free expression in view of the possibility of a new disarmament conference, and possible fresh moves in connection with the Tripartite Monetary Agreement.—Reuter.

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Injustice To Nariman

OUR READERS' VIEWS

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Most of your correspondents seem to have missed the vital point in bringing the injustice done to Mr. Nariman to the forefront of their grievance. I feel not so much for the unjust and tact lacking supersession of Mr. Nariman as for the almost fatal blow it has dealt to the Congress prestige.

The Congress has time and again professed uniform concern for all communities—big and small. The minorities are drawn into a belief that their interests are safe in the custody of the Congress. Now what did the Congress do when the time came for translating its professions into actual practice? When Mr. Nariman the most deserved in Bombay to pilot the Congress Party in the Bombay Legislative Assembly in most unceremoniously ignored, what can be expected of the Congress for those who are fifteen annas a rupee?

Those who are responsible for ousting Mr. Nariman from his legitimate place do not seem to have fully realised what harm they have done to the Congress cause.

This is no provincial or individual matter. This is a matter of first rate public importance. The All-India Congress Committee can yet avert the catastrophe which will otherwise fall upon the country, by instituting a public inquiry into the matter.—Yours etc.,

M. N. S.

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—With reference to the letter published in your valued columns to-day apropos of Mr. Nariman's rejection as Party Leader, drawing public attention to President Lincoln "pledging himself to loyal and sincere acceptance of the result of the Presidential election whatever that result might be". I beg to say that Mr. Lincoln was re-elected President by a vast majority of the votes of his countrymen and it is to be hoped that similarly, as a result of the present uproar occasioned by Mr. Kher's election, Mr. Nariman will be elected Leader. Mr. Lincoln said "If the people think that General Grant can end the rebellion (of slave owners) sooner by being in this (President's) place, I shall be very glad to get out of it".

Let Mr. Kher similarly say, "since the public think that Nariman, not I, should be Party Leader, seeing, as the proverb says that the voice of people is the voice of God, I shall be very glad to get out of it."—Yours etc.,

ZOROASTRIAN.

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—I was really much surprised to read the appointment of Mr. Kher as the leader of the Congress Party in place of Vir Nariman for the Legislative Assembly. It is not only a grave injustice to Mr. Nariman and to the voting public but also a serious blunder on the part of the Congress Election Committee. It is now better for Mr. Kher to simply resign his post and Mr. Nariman is appointed as the leader.

Mr. Nariman has by his statement shown his loyalty to the Congress "principle" which in my opinion was neglected when the election took place.

I am sure Mr. Jawahar and the Working Committee will give their frank and impartial justice on this issue.—Yours etc.,

R. S. VEDPATHAK.

Bombay, March 16

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Referring to the criticism that is appearing in some of the local papers, on the subject of the election of leader of the Congress Party in the Bombay Legislative Assembly, I am induced to place my humble views before the public to which I hope you will give a place in your columns.

It appears that the main theme of arguments is that the public of Bombay (?) sincerely believe that Mr. Nariman is their foremost leader and thus his right of leadership should not have been denied. But it seems that most of the critics are forgetting that this was not the question of Bombay alone but the whole Presidency was concerned. Bombay may be its premier city, but that should not mean that its leader alone should have the privilege of leading the political life of the Presidency as a whole. To say that no one else was better fitted, looks like too much egotism and the argument looks ridiculous.

It is further wonderful to find the weak mentality of "Once a leader always a leader." Why should others not be given chance to serve in such capacity? The trend of ideas are rather taking hero-worship too far. This issue of Legislators and their leader is a new one, but there are people who are unable to understand why the same Nariman and so many others are monopolising chairs in the B. P. C. C even. The propaganda which is going on at present is not only doing disservice to Mr. Nariman but is also lowering the esteem for the sensible public of Bombay by claiming that their leader alone should lead the Presidency. Looking to this kind of narrowness of mind for leadership in Hoare Brand Provincial Municipality like Swaraj, one fails to imagine how our people will be able to digest complete Independence, if it comes at all.

A word about Sardar. Reliable information reveals that there is no foundation whatever in what is attributed to him. The real men who are in the know of things are busy in Delhi and one is led to believe that taking advantage of their absence, those who have grudge against the Congress are twisting the point in a wrong light, not for the sake of Mr. Nariman's honour, but to achieve their own objective on some future occasions, otherwise why should there have been in the air the points like suppressing minority community etc? Nariman, be he a Parsee or any other is and will remain in the high esteem in Congress rank. The sensible elements of the public are not misguided and let not the public at large be misguided. Congress knows well how to handle its affairs.

Lastly let me congratulate Sardar on the reward and titles that are being now given to him by the people of this country of slaves, in appreciation of the work he has hitherto done and specially in connection with the last successful elections. It is true that it is the privilege of a public worker is to be abused and so he is to the heart's content of so many of the contributors to the local newspapers.—Yours, etc.,

H. R. T.

March 19.

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Alluding to the letter of Mr. B. M. Mistry under the caption "Bombay Congress" in the "Times of India" of the 16th instant, I would like to put a straight question to him as to in what other way one can serve better the cause of Nation. If there be any organization, which has served nobly and boldly the cause of Nation, and which has made many sacrifices on the altar of freedom, then it is Congress and Congress alone. It is these sacrifices which have appealed much to the general public and this was conclusively proved in the last elections.

People like Nehru, Gandhi and Vallabhbhai are the glaring instances of persons, who have staked their everything for the political freedom of India. If these people become wire-pullers, if at all they became as it is alledged, in electing the leader of the Congress party in the Assembly, it is quite in the fitness of things. It must be in the interest of the country. What happens in other countries where there are democratic Governments? Who rules in Italy? Who commands in Germany? Who is a dictator in U. S. A.? The answers to these questions will surely convince him of the futility of the outburst of his vehement and vituperative feelings towards the Congress, an institution, unique and unparalleled in its exemplary zeal and devotion to the cause of Nation. I, therefore, request every true son of India not to fling abuse towards Congress Parliamentary Board for its methods. Politics are much the same all the world over. Let the C. P., Board exercise its "individual judgment" in the discharge of its "responsibilities" towards the motherland.—Yours, etc.,

C. D. SARAIYA.

Protest Against Rejection Of Nariman

At the meeting of the Managing Committee of the U. H. S. Past Students' Association, held on Wednesday the following resolution was passed.

This meeting strongly protests and condemns the undemocratic methods and the hasty decision taken in ousting Mr. Nariman from the party leadership.

The following telegram was also sent to the congress president:

"The U. H. S. Past Students' Association, strongly protests the sheer injustice to Vir Nariman. Appeal to take proper steps."

Wire To Jawahar

In the course of a telegram sent to the Congress President by a number of women members of the Indian National Congress say, Congress prestige lowered. Bombay indignant. Expect justice from you. Appeal you in name of Congress and country.

(Left) MEMBERS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS LEAVING HARIJAN ASHRAM, DELHI, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH GANDHIJI, TO ATTEND THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE MEETING; (Right) PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, BABU SARAT CHANDRA BOSE, ACHARYA KRIPALANI AND OTHER CONGRESS LEADERS PROCEEDING TO THE A. I. C. C. MEETING.

'Dangerous To Revert To All-Party Mentality'

JAWAHAR ON SCOPE OF CONVENTION

New Machinery To Enforce Uniformity Of Policy In Legislatures

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE).

DELHI: March 19.

"Though it is not desirable, you may run away with the bit in your mouth," was the remark of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, speaking to the Subjects Committee of the All-India Convention this morning. He drew attention of the delegates to Convention to the fact that they should not be carried away with the feeling of triumph, because they had won the elections. Theirs was not a personal victory, and if they had succeeded, it was due to their declaration that they stood by Congress principles and programme.

He also stated that the Congress would have nothing to do with other parties in the country which had not the same outlook or programme as that of the Congress. It could never sit on the same table with people who were directly or indirectly supporting British Imperialism, and he personally thought that the latter would have nothing to do with framing of the new Constitution for the country.

The Convention was not a rival organisation to the Congress but a creature of it, and whatever it did or sought to do, would have to be within the terms of reference laid down by the All-India Congress Committee.

YAKUB HASSAN'S SUGGESTION.

Mr. Yakub Hassan of Madras wanted the Convention to discuss the resolution to invite a conference of non-party Muslim Legislators with a view to see how best the Constitution could be replaced. He declared that the elections had shown that Mr. Jinnah, who wanted the Muslims to be a separate party, had miserably failed, excepting in Bombay.

The election results had shown that the Muslim masses would have nothing to do with those who wanted to separate themselves from other communities. Hence, he suggested a meeting of those non-party Muslim legislators at a conference.

JAWAHAR RULES IT OUT.

Pt. Jawaharlal ruled the resolution out of order, as it was beyond the terms of reference. He, however, stated that he had no objection to meet and discuss vital problems, but that could be done only with those whose way of thinking was the same as that of Congressmen, and not with those who were either Imperialists or co-operators with Imperialism.

Pt. Jawaharlal was in very humorous mood this morning at the Subjects Committee, and patiently replied to a number of questions like meeting the leaders of other parties to discuss and decide vital questions such as Hindu-Muslim Unity, whether they could do it on an all-India basis or Provincial basis.

ALL IN TERMS OF MASSES.

He, however, deprecated the idea of calling an All-Parties Conference to discuss such vital questions, as certain leaders would come and discuss without any reference to the masses outside, and sometimes might come to a decision among themselves. Such methods would never solve problems facing the country, unless they were dealt with in terms of masses, whether Hindu or Muslim.

Proceedings In Detail

NEW DELHI, March 19.

The Subjects Committee met this morning with Pandit Nehru in the chair. It first took up the draft oath of allegiance and gave its approval to it. Then general discussion of the scope of the convention and the terms of the resolutions to be placed before its open session this evening was held. Several members wanted to know whether the Convention would be a permanent body.

The president stated that it could not be a permanent body, but that did not mean that it would cease to exist. Its constituents would be there, and they could be called together if need arose.

There were several questions on the absence of direction with regard to the work of the Congress legislators in provinces, in which they are not in a majority, and it was asked whether alliances with other groups were permitted.

BOARD OF CONTROL

The President explained that no alliance could be entered into without the sanction of the Working Committee, but co-operation in particular matters with other groups had not been ruled out. The ultimate control of the work of the Congress Legislators would vest in a small committee of between three and five members. The intention was not that this committee should necessarily be representative of different provinces or provincial Congress legislators. Personally, he did not feel that there was any objection to a non-legislative arm controlling the legislative arm of the Congress.

INVITING NON-CONGRESSMEN

Mr. Yakub Hassan wanted the convention to consider the resolution drafted by him to invite all the non-Congress members of provincial legislatures to meet the Congress members at a conference to be called at Delhi before the end of the year. Mr. Yakub Hassan said that the convention was a remarkable gathering duly elected by the masses, and was in fact a more representative body than the Congress itself (several voices: no, no.)

Mr. Yakub Hassan declared that this occasion should be taken advantage of by passing a resolution which would be of great All-India importance.

NOT A RIVAL TO CONGRESS

The President said that there was no need to discuss how important or representative the convention was. The delegates attending the convention were representative, not because they were victors in the election, but because they represented the Congress viewpoint. The convention could do nothing apart from the Congress. Immediately they did so, they would become a rival organisation.

Referring to the resolution, Pandit Nehru said that it amounted to disobedience of the directions given by the Working Committee to the Convention. How could Congressmen invite the co-operation of semi-Imperialist groups and permit them to have a say in the matter of framing the future of the constitution.

It was a dangerous thing to revert to "an a all-party attitude", and there had been enough weakening in this matter.

The constitution should be drafted by the strong right of the masses and not by the quill of pens placed above their ears.

If the object was to consider the communal issue and find out why Muslim candidates did not succeed in the elections in the same measure as the others, he was agreeable to it. If they wanted to combat the psychology of the fear that pervaded the country with regard to the communal problem, he would welcome it, but for that, the ground would have to be prepared first by a small committee, and then a larger body could take it up. They had failed to make any advance in solving the communal problem, because this method was not adopted.

The Subjects Committee then appointed a small sub-committee to draft resolutions, and thereafter adjourned till 9 p.m.—A. P.

YAKUB HASSAN'S RESOLUTION DROPPED

ANSARI NAGAR, March 19.

At the Subjects Committee this morning, some members wanted to know what was the exact scope and function of the Convention. Janab Yakub Hasan of Madras tabled a resolution which ran as follows:—

"Resolved that, with a view to bringing about general agreements between duly elected representatives of the peoples of India as to the ways and means to be adopted to ensure at an early date replacement of the present Constitution of India with one, framed by the people of India, this convention do invite non-Congress members of all provincial and central legislatures of India to meet Congress members of legislatures at a conference to be held at Delhi before the end of the year"

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru held that the resolution was outside the scope of the terms of reference of the Convention and so it was dropped.—United Press.

CONGRESS PARTY AND OTHER GROUPS

Jawaharlal Cn Scope For Co-operation

ANSARINAGAR,

NEW DELHI, March 19.

Whether Congress Members in Legislatures where they were not in an absolute majority could form alliance with other progressive parties with a view to further their cause formed the subject matter of informal discussion at a meeting of the Subjects Committee of the All-India Convention.

Mr. S. C. Mitra pointed out that there was no provision whatsoever in the resolution of the All-India Congress Committee as to how minority Congress parties would implement the parliamentary programme of the Congress, while the Working Committee in their resolution had definitely banned any alliance with non-Congress parties.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru cleared the position, that while Congress Party would not be permitted to coalese with any other group, it would be permissible for Congress Party to vote on specific issues or measures with other parties consistent with the policy and programme of Congress and such questions would be decided as occasion arose by the party. On important matters, however, the party would have to refer to Provincial Congress Committee and in case of any serious difference, it might eventually be referred to the Working Committee who of itself might issue circulars from time to time with a view to ensure uniformity of action in different provinces and lay down general principles.

It appears the Working Committee has, under contemplation, establishment of a small committee of three or five members, preferably non-legislators to function as Parliamentary organ of the Working Committee, All-India Parliamentary Committee having been 'functus officio,' to guide, control in general way Parliamentary activities and link and coordinate the same in different provinces and settle other matters that it may be called upon to decide.—United Press.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DRAFT COMMITTEE

ANSARI NAGAR, March 19.

The Subjects Committee of the National Convention appointed a Drafting Committee consisting of Acharya Narendra Dev, Messrs. Jairamdas Daulatram, B. G. Kher, S. C. Mitra and Iftikaruddin to draft a resolution on Constituent Assembly and withdrawal of the New Constitution Act. The Drafting Committee will meet to-day at 3-30 in the afternoon.—United Press.

CONGRESS MAKES TREMENDOUS STRIDES

Pt. Indra's Welcome Address At Convention

ANSARI NAGAR,

NEW DELHI, March 19.

"Congress movement has made tremendous strides during the last 18 years. At the start we proceeded slowly but as we marched on our speed accelerated and it gained a momentum which is very encouraging. The movement which at its commencement was confined to demand for a few Government jobs has ultimately transformed into a demand for fundamental rights and taken the shape of fight."

Thus declared Pandit Indra, Chairman of the Reception Committee in welcoming the delegates to the Congress National Convention this afternoon.

NATIONAL AWAKENING.

Continuing Pandit Indra said:—"From a stage of passing pious resolutions and making rhetorical speeches we have come to a stage of direct action and holding out threats. The Congress which consisted at the beginning of a handful of high class educated intelligentsia gradually brought in its fold middle class people and now it comprises masses—peasants and workers who constitute its bulk.

As will be evident from the recent Assembly elections the Congress has created widespread national awakening throughout the length and breadth of the country. Probably we were not optimistic enough for such magnificent results. These elections have increased the responsibility of those who have been elected. The confidence which the masses have reposed in them makes their task more heavy and onerous."

WANTED COURAGE AND IMAGINATION.

Proceeding Pandit Indra asked this Convention of Congress legislators and members of the All-India Congress Committee to take a definite and militant programme. Political tactics were good. Caution was better still. But more important than all this are courage and imagination.

"We have reached a political stage," continued Pandit Indra, "where latter qualities are required most.

TRIBUTE TO JAWAHAR.

"Our leaders do not lack these qualities. It is proved by the fact that under their leadership we have marched from stage to stage of advance. It is a matter of gratification that we have at this critical juncture of our national life a leader at the helm of the Congress affairs who is eminently suited to the occasion. It will not be exaggeration to describe Pt. Jawaharlal as an embodiment of sorrows of destitute and hungry millions of the country. We hope this Convention will give a correct lead to the country and serve the great purpose for which it has been called."

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANSARI.

Pandit Indra at the outset referred to the various difficulties under which they had to work and make arrangements for the Convention owing to the shortness of time but accorded hearty welcome of love and affection to the delegates.

He said that when Mahatma Gandhi initiated the Satyagraha movement there were three great field Marshals in Delhi, namely, Swami Shraddhanand, Hakim Ajmal Khan and Dr. Ansari. When the former two passed away, the burden of the national movement in Delhi fell on Dr. Ansari. Paying glowing tributes to the services of Dr. Ansari the speaker observed that the death of Dr. Ansari had taken away a great worker and patriot from Delhi. He was the soul of national activity here. But still the spirit he had instilled into his comrades was working and the Congress movement was going on with unabated zeal and fortitude.—United Press Special.

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Thursday's A. I. C. C. Proceedings

SARDAR PATEL REPLIES TO CRITICS

He Has No Belief In Councils, But Congressmen Should Dare To Test New Constitution

NEW DELHI: March 18.

The A. I. C. C. concluded its session at 9-30 p.m. after disposing of what will go down in the history of the Congress as the most momentous question affecting the future course of Congress activities. The A. I. C. C. passed the official resolution as finally moved by Babu Rajendra Prasad to-day by 127 votes against 70.

Four members of the Working Committee, namely Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Mr. Sarat Bose, Mr. Patwardhan and Acharya Narendra Dev remained neutral. Mr. Jai Prakash Narayan's amendment banning office acceptance was rejected by 135 votes against 78 votes, Mrs. Naidu and Mr. Sarat Bose remaining neutral.

Mr. N. Dutt Majumdar's amendment urging the release of political prisoners and the withdrawal of bans on Congress organisations was lost without division.

The same fate was shared by Mr. M. N. Roy's amendment while the other amendments were either withdrawn or lost.—United Press.

Sardar's Speech

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel supporting the resolution of the Working Committee said that the situation which faced the committee to-day was more serious than the one they were faced with at Lucknow. The Working Committee had adopted the resolution after full consideration, and it was for them to consider the conditions of their people and decide the issue on that basis and not be guided by what was happening outside the country.

NO BELIEF IN COUNCILS.

Mr. Masani had asked why he did not enter the councils and stand for ministry. His reply was that he still had no belief in the council, but he was a realist, and having seen that Parliamentary mentality had come to stay with the people, he had adjusted himself to that. Both at Lucknow and Bombay, they decided unanimously in favour of entering the councils and Civil Disobedience had been abandoned, because it was found the country was not in favour of it. The question now was how they could achieve their objective, namely, the ending and combating of the act? Was it by accepting offices or remaining in opposition? The decision to accept offices was not incompatible with the previous resolutions of the Congress. Of course, he was convinced that the withdrawal of the Constitution could not be achieved through councils, as it would depend upon the work and support outside. If they did not accept office now when they had a chance and did something for the people, they would be making the greatest mistake. If the country were ready for ending the act by direct action, Mahatma Gandhi would not have retired, but he would have led another Dandi March.

CHALLENGE TO CRITICS.

It had been made out that there were no differences between the Working Committee and Liberals, but he would ask his critics whether Liberals would approve even one of the items contained in the resolution. The committee had placed the items of its programme before the country which was only partial. Their objective was complete independence and the ending of the Act. The British Government were saying that they had given provincial autonomy. They wanted to test it. He did not believe any Governor would be prepared to give an assurance, but if they gave, why should they not accept it? Why should they imagine that the country would fall if they accepted offices? If this was the only strength of the country, it was a false strength. If they did not test the constitution, the Sardar warned the house they would have Satyamurthis every day (laughter). He urged the House to give the policy a trial and assured them nothing would go wrong.

AUTHORISE AND PERMIT.

The resolution said "authorise and permit", which meant that provincial parties would have to decide whether they wanted to accept offices or not. For instance, it was open for any province to decide against it. Therefore, he asked the house to adopt the resolution as it stood and not commit a mistake.

NARENDRA DEV AGAINST OFFICE.

Acharya Narendra Dev made a statement explaining his position. He said he still held the same views on the question as two years ago, namely that ministerships should not be accepted. He was still in favour of the Congress doing such work as would be conducive to strengthening the power of the masses. This work should be of a revolutionary character. A misconception seemed to have arisen in the minds of many people that the Government under the new constitution would be something like self-government, and he warned them against deluding themselves into the belief that the legislatures would be reservoirs of mass power. The recent elections had dispelled the illusion that the Congress was not a live body.

Mr. Sarat Bose, on an appeal from the Bengal members, also made a statement explaining his position, so far as the Working Committee resolution was concerned. He said that he respected the convention that no member of the committee was entitled to express his views contrary to the majority view in the Working Committee. Hence he was not going to express his views on the resolution. He however stated that nothing had happened since he had openly declared his views on the question six months ago to change his views. He held those views as strongly and as warmly as he did six months ago (cheers).

RAJEN BABU'S DEFENCE.

Babu Rajendra Prasad replying to the debate stated that it would not be possible for him to reply to individual speeches and his reply would be general. He told the house that he did not want them to vote for the resolution, because it had been placed before them by leaders who had been carrying on the work of the Congress. He did not want them to stop thinking about the question and come to their individual conclusions and vote accordingly. He was sorry that by the manner in which the question had been dealt with in the house the difficulties of the Working Committee had increased. Most of the speakers left the main issue alone and began discussing things which did not form part of the resolution. If all that had been stated by some of the speakers were to be taken into consideration, then there was no need for the Congress to have fought the elections.

NOT TO KEEP MUM.

Continuing Rajendra Babu said that many seemed not to have understood what was meant by ending or wrecking the act. Some thought that creating deadlocks by accepting offices was ending the act, while others dealt that preventing the formation of ministries by being in opposition and creating deadlocks was ending the act. The only way by which the Act could be ended was by replacing the same by another framed by the Constituent Assembly. Such a replacement could take place not through legislatures but through the strength of the masses and by activities outside the country That would have to be done. The activity of the masses in the country and outside should force the British Government to withdraw the present constitution which could only be replaced with the consent of the people of the country. It had been argued that if the Governor agreed to abstain from the use of his special powers it would mean that the Congress was throwing away the weapon of deadlock. Rajendra Babu contended that if the Governor gave such an undertaking, that in itself, was a triumph for the Congress. It would be a triumph even before they started working the constitution. It was never intended to enter the councils and keep mum. He admitted that work outside the councils was more important than work inside, but they wanted to link up both. The other argument was that by accepting office, they would only get their minor grievances redressed. But would they weaken the desire for Swaraj by remedying these grievances? He wanted them not to look down upon any measures taken however small to remedy the grievances of the masses.

VOTE ON MERITS

He did not want the A. I. C. C. to vote for the resolution, because Mahatma Gandhi's name had been associated with it. They should vote on its merits.

Proceeding Babu Rajendra Prasad argued that if they did not take office and a deadlock arose on the first day, their cause would not be advanced a step. In that case, they could not convince the masses that no benefit could be got out of the act and, therefore, in a fresh election, their votes should be given to Congressmen again. As far as he could feel, the pulse of the country there was no one, who wanted an immediate deadlock. As for Mr. Roy's amendment all the points it contained were covered by the original resolution.

The President then put the amendments to vote. Before doing so he said that it fell into three parts and he took it, if one amendment in each of them was lost the other amendments in that group were also lost.

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain's amendment was first put and rejected by 135 votes to 78. Other amendments were put one by one and rejected. The original resolution with a verbal alteration made by Babu Rajendra Prasad was passed. —A. P.

NEXT CONGRESS VENUE

Gujerat Leaders See Mahatma

ANSARI NAGAR, March 19.

About half a dozen prominent members of the Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee sought an interview with Gandhiji this morning to ascertain his views about the final selection of the village in Gujerat, where the next Congress session is to be held.

It will be recalled that the Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee at its last general meeting held last week failed to come to an agreed decision on this point, as several villages were keen to have this distinction.

Mahatmaji asked them to see him to-morrow.—United Press.

Frontier Gandhi's Advice To Followers

Go Ahead With Congress Programme With Redoubled Energy

ANSARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI, March 19.

"I do not feel dejected over the action of the Governor in offering the Chief Ministership to Sir Abdul Qayum. If you could not return your men in a large majority, you should not have any cause of complaint if Chief Ministership did not come to you. Whatever might have been your success or failure, go ahead with your constructive programme with redoubled energy."

This piece of advice was given by Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan who, for the first time since his release, got opportunity of meeting people of the Frontier Province who gathered here this morning at the All-India Congress Committee Pandal under the presidency of Syed Abdulla Shah Saheb of Mazara. About 500 people of the Frontier including Pathans residing in Delhi assembled to hear Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan.

Continuing, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan explained the implications of the resolution passed by the A.I.C.C. yesterday.

Kazi Ataullah, M.L.A., from the Frontier explained the whole movement of Khudai Khidmatgars, whose main object, he said, was the attainment of complete independence by non-violent means which was in accordance with principles of Islam. He dispelled suspicion entertained in certain quarters that the Congress had any intention of interfering in religious affairs of any community.

It was impossible, he concluded, to achieve independence without unity of all parties and communities.

The President in winding up the proceedings acquainted the audience with the position in the Frontier and asked the people to take more active part and interest in Congress affairs, as it was their religious duty to free the country.

Thereafter, the conference passed a resolution urging removal of the ban on Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan.

Another resolution protested against interference with election campaign in the Frontier, while a third resolution demanded removal of the ban on Khudai Khidmatgars and other political organizations.

The conference further protested against starting of cases under section 124-A against Frontier leaders in connection with election propaganda and also protested against imprisonment of Ghulam Mahomed Khan and others.—United Press.

JALLIANWALLABAGH COMMITTEE

Discusses Suitable Form Of Memorial

ANSARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI, March 19.

The Jallianwallabagh Memorial Committee met this morning at Gandhiji's cottage in Harijan Colony. The meeting was attended by Gandhiji, Pandit Malaviya, Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, Pandit G. B. Pant, Pandit Nehru, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, Lala Girdharilal and Lala Muiraj.

It will be recalled Pandit Malaviya is the only surviving trustee of the Jallianwallabagh Memorial Fund, other two trustees being late Lala Lajpatrai and late Pandit Motilal Nehru.

It is understood the Trust Fund now stands at nearly three lakhs of rupees.

The Committee discussed at a meeting the exact form of the Memorial to be raised to commemorate the tragic incident in Jallianwallabagh and how best to invest the fund.—United Press.

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FILM FARE FOR THE WEEK

Mae West "Go West Young Man" At Pathe—Ginger Rogers And Fred Astaire in "Swing Time" At Capitol—"Three Smart Girls" At Regal "Love On The Run" At The Empire—"Wolf's Clothing" At The Excelsior

"Love On The Run" at the Empire starring Franchot Tone and Joan Crawford.

MAE WEST IN "GO WEST YOUNG MAN"

At Pathe

Mae West among the cows and chickens! Romance in a barnyard and love among the hayricks! That's "Go West Young Man," Miss West's latest starring vehicle with Warren William, Randolph Scott, Lyle Talbot and many others, which comes to the Pathe Theatre to-night and treat the audience to one of the most hilarious and clever comedies of recent years.

With Miss West cast as a high strung and romantic movie actress enjoined by her contract from indulging in romance, and with Warren William as the press agent who accompanies her to make sure she doesn't violate the contract, "Go West Young Man" deals with the curvaceous actress's attempts to find love and William's efforts to frustrate her.

After a personal appearance in Washington, Miss West meets Talbot, an old flame, and makes a date with him. This is "crabbed" by William who invites the press to the 'tete-a-tete.' She promises to meet Talbot in Harrisburg where she is to make her next appearance. On the way her car breaks down and she is forced to put up at the farm of Alice Brady while Scott, a mechanic, fixes it. She is furious at the delay but when she sees the handsome mechanic she decides to remain.

She learns that Scott is working on an invention for talking pictures and she accepts his invitation to inspect the invention in his workshop. He fails to fall for her obvious play for him. Tongues begin to babble, and Margaret Perry, Scott's sweetheart, is broken-hearted at the turn of events.

William prevents a private meeting between Miss West and Scott by inviting the entire countryside to the farm to get the star's autograph. Later, when Miss West comes to Scott's room to inspect his plans for the invention, he breaks it up again.

In the meantime Talbot has been trying to locate Miss West. He gets the impression that she has been kidnapped and an alarm is broadcast for her. Isabel Jewell, maid-of-all-work at the Brady farm, hears the alarm. She gets her boy friend to go for the police believing William to be the kidnapper. The Police arrive and in order to get even with William Miss West tells them he kidnapped her. With her three swains around her, Miss West makes her choice. It wouldn't be fair to tell who it was nor why, since the solution is one of the high spots in the delightful comedy.

Especially worthy of note is the work of Miss Jewell.

"THREE SMART GIRLS"

At The Regal

The wisdom of the children shall be visited upon the father, even to his great consternation. That, to twist the tail of a memorable quotation, is the theme of Universal's comedy drama, "Three Smart Girls" which opens at the Regal Theatre to-day. Three daughters, learning that their millionaire father is about to slip into the matrimonial net of a fortune hunting international beauty, hasten to save their parent from a foolish entanglement. The girls use desperate remedies to correct the situation and the unexpected results are highly amusing. They employ a foreign nobleman to win the money seeking beauty away from their father. One of the girls disappears in order to delay the wedding ceremony and finally the sweetheart of another sister tricks the gold grabbing damsel into boarding a steamer for Europe. The fun is swift, the dialogue brightly written and the action merrily paced, declare advance press reports. Deanna Durbin, the new Radio discovery with the lovely soprano voice, makes her screen debut in "Three Smart Girls". Leading roles are played by Binnie Barnes, Alice Brady, Ray Milland and Charles Winninger, remembered for his role of Captain Andy in "Show Boat". Deanna Durbin's sisters in the picture are played by Nan Grey and Barbara Read. Other prominent players include Mischa Auer, John King, Lucilla Watson, Nella Walker and Hobart Cavanaugh. Deanna Durbin sings three songs in "Three Smart Girls". The numbers are the classic "Il Bacio", "My Heart is Singing" and "Someone to Care For Me". Henry Koster directed the film from the screen play by Adele Comandini and Austin Parker.

"Three Smart Girls" at the Regal this week.

QUEEN'S HALL RECONSTRUCTED FOR MAX SCHACH'S "DREAMING LIPS"

The Queen's Hall, home of the famous Promenade Concerts, has been reconstructed in the studio for a sequence in the Max Schach—Trafalgar film "Dreaming Lips," starring Elisabeth Bergner with Raymond Massey and Romney Brent, and now nearing completion under Paul Czinner's direction.

Deviating from the original only in a few minor details, this set is strikingly faithful in its resemblance, and the concert atmosphere has been admirably captured.

A smartly dressed crowd of three hundred has been working on this set during the last few days, representing a fashionable London audience. Sitting among them has been Elisabeth Bergner, listening to the orchestra under the direction of Boyd Neel, and applauding Raymond Massey in his role of a world-famous violinist.

Present during the shooting, and commenting on the excellent work performed by Mr. Neel's orchestra was the distinguished English composer, William Walton, who wrote the music for Bergner's "As You Like it," and who has also composed two modern dance numbers for a cabaret sequence in "Dreaming Lips."

"WOLF'S CLOTHING"

At The Excelsior

One of the finest comedy teams the screen has seen for years is the star attraction of the new Universal Wain wright comedy, "Wolf's Clothing" at the Excelsior Theatre this week. Claude Hulbert and Gordon Harker make up the team, and it is the first time these two popular comedians have appeared together in a film. Their partnership, incidentally has proved so successful that they are likely to play together in future films.

In "Wolf's Clothing" they fill the dual leading roles in a comedy drama which has the sewers of Paris as a sinister background. The film was unique in that while it was being made, each star had his own dialogue writer. These two experts have each specialised in writing parts suitable for the star in question, and they worked side by side, one having an eye on Gordon Harker and the other on Claude Hulbert. Thus were the comedy scenes created.

These two stars co-operated closely in many ways during the actual filming, and when Claude Hulbert injured his hand, Gordon Harker positioned himself in their scenes together so that the bandaged hand would be concealed from the camera.

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the production of the Palace Theatre production: "Why Not To-night?"

Films (in addition to "Dreaming Lips") include: George Arliss' "East Meets West" (he was Young Gobbo in George Arliss' stage production of "The Merchant of Venice") and the delayed Jessie Matthews film "Head Over Heels."

ALF'S BUTTON-CINEMA VERSUS THEATRE

Jerry Verno, the popular English comedian who will soon be seen by picture-goers in the role of Beppo the clown, in the Max Schach—Trafalgar film version of the opera "Paglicci," tells this delightful story against himself.

The incident took place in Watford many years ago before Jerry had made his name—when he had brought a touring company in "Alf's Button" to the local theatre—with himself playing the leading role.

Business—Jerry reports—was not too good. In fact by Wednesday night Jerry decided it would be better to have the theatre filled with paper than to play an empty house, and so a proclamation was sent out inviting the poor children of the district to come and see the show.

They were met in the foyer by Jerry himself, who pinned an "Alf's Button" on to each ragged lapel as the children went in. One of them, a snub-nosed freckled specimen looked at the button with suspicion and asked:

"'Ere, wot's this 'ere?"

"That's Alf's Button, my little man," Jerry said patronisingly, "you rub it and wish for something and the wish comes true."

"Can I do it now?" asked the urchin.

A grimy finger passed several times over the button; with gaping mouth the urchin waited for the miracle to happen.

"And what have you wished for, my little man?" Jerry asked with interest, feeling that even a free audience was to be courted in advance.

"Wished I could go to the cinema down the road," said the urchin.

"Pagliacci," which is the first attempt to bring classic opera to the talking screen, is directed by Karl Grune and stars Richard Tauber, and Steffi Duna, Esmond Knight, Diana Napier and Arthur Margetson will be seen in other principal roles.

FRED ASTAIRE AND GINGER ROGERS IN ANOTHER MUSICAL TRIUMPH "SWING TIME"

At The Capitol

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, whose film-musicals have catapulted them to the top of screendom's fame, definitely score a new triumph in "Swing Time" their latest vehicle which will open to-day at the Capitol Theatre. Their dancing in this gaily melodic comedy offering is at their best to the exciting rhythm of Jerome Kern music and the lyrics by Dorothy Fields. The supporting cast and direction are brilliant.

The plot of "Swing Time" concerns itself with the interweaving relationships between Astaire as a happy-go-lucky, sporting song-and-dance man, Betty Furness as his small-town fiancee, Miss Rogers as an instructress in Eric Blore's dancing academy and Georges Metaxa as a haughty band leader, with Victor Moore and Helen Broderick doing their amusing and misguided best to straighten out matters. The strikingly effective "The Waltz in Swing Time" seems to be the dance hit of the picture and "The Way You Look To-night" and "A Fine Romance" the two biggest song successes. The highly spectacular "Bojangles of Harlem" number which Fred Astaire leads with a blackface solo dance, is the prime novelty of the show, against a lavish background created by John Harkrider.

George Stevens has directed RKO Radio Picture with the finesse that marked his work on "Alice Adams" and all concerned, from producer Pandro S. Berman on down, can take their fill of bows for "Swing Time".

"LOVE ON THE RUN"

At The Empire

Reuniting the popular threesome of the highly successful "Dancing Lady" Franchot Tone appears with Joan Crawford and Clark Gable in "Love on the Run," coming to-night to the Empire Theatre.

As Barney Pells, Gable's newspaperman buddie, who is always a lap behind his colleague on the biggest story of the year, Tone fills an outstanding comedy role.

Gable takes care of the romance angle with Miss Crawford playing an American heiress, who leaves a pompous nobleman at the altar and runs into trouble. When Gable agrees to aid her escape, their mad dash over the map of Europe causes international complications.

Tone recently completed an important part in "The Gorgeous Hussy" with Miss Crawford. The new M-G-M picture marks their second appearance together on the screen since their marriage nearly a year ago.

"Love on the Run" is based on a story by Alan Green and Julian Brodie which appeared serially in a national magazine. It was directed by W. S. Van Dyke and comes on top of such of this great director's hits as "San Francisco" and "The Devil Is a Sissy."

UNIVERSAL NEWS

TOP MUSICAL SCORE.

Longest musical score ever written has been completed by Charles Previn for Top of the Town—starring Doris Nolan. The footage runs more than 8,000.

NEW TRADE MARK.

For the first time the New Universal sports its new trade mark on Top of the Town. Designed by John Harkrider, it abandons the familiar airplace encircling the globe for an ultra-modernistic design with letters outlined in neon.

PASTERNAK'S PIRANDELLO.

As Before Better than Before: will be produced by Joe pasternak—the producer of Three Smart Girls—for Universal. F. Hugh Herbert will do the scripting of the famous Luigi Pirandello play.

WILLIAM GARGAN SEALED.

William Gargan's contract with Walter Wanger has been sold to Universal. He will go into Wings over Honolulu. He has already made two for Universal—Flying Hostess and Breezing Home.

DORIS NOLAN BACK AT UNIVERSAL.

Doris Nolan—star of Top of the Town—is back at the Studio from New York and will go into As Good as Married. Selected for the lead to play opposite Doris Nolan is John Boles—Eddie Buzzell is directing.

THE ROAD BACK UNDER PRODUCTION:

James Whale used three acres of trenches for war scenes in The Road Back sequel to All Quiet on the Western Front. The technicians numbering 150—including 87 electricians—handled the lights and explosives. The largest background ever built for pictures, 50 ft. high by 250ft. long, was erected behind the trenches to stimulate a shell-torn sector. An immense screen was constructed to safeguard against the possible danger of destructions by a storm of explosives.

FRENCH PLAYWRIGHT TO WRITE FOR HIS WIFE.

Henry Ducoin, French Playwright, has been signed to a term writing contract and he will do the scripting for his wife's picture. Mrs. Ducoin is the famous French star No. 1—Danielle Derrieux—and both the actress and her writer-husband will leave Dorris in the early part of the summer.

"THREE SMART GIRLS" HELD OVER.

Three Smart Girls is being held over in its first three engagements in the mid-west territory, according to reports from E. T. Gomersall, Western Sales Manager for Universal. In Louisville, where the picture opened at the Strand, it is being moved to the Brown for a second week. In St. Louis, the Ambassador ran it for a big first week but on account of the stage show policy was unable to hold it over for the second week and it goes into the Missouri Theatre directly following its run at the Ambassador. In Minneapolis, Three Smart Girls opened on Thursday at the Century Theatre and already the picture is definitely certain of a second week in the same house. In its premier also, in Los Angeles, it was held over in both the Pantages and the Hill Street for a second week.

UNIVERSAL'S "JUNGLE JIM" ELIGIBLE FOR GRAND SHORTS AWARD.

By action of the Judging Committee of the Jay Emanuel Publications Grand Shorts Awards, the Universal serial Jungle Jim has been made eligible for consideration for the grand awards of the year which are to be selected next April.

JOHN BOLES RETURNS TO UNIVERSAL CITY TO STAR IN "AS GOOD AS MARRIED."

John Boles returns to-morrow to Universal City from personal appearance tour in his native Texas, to find his first assignment as a Universal star awaiting him. John Boles' first picture under the new contract will be the Norman Krasna story. As Good as Married. Edward Buzzell will direct and is at present working on the screen play with F. Hugh Herbert. As Good as Married is the story of a man who enters into marriage to reduce his income-tax and then falls in love with the girl. It is planned to have Boles sing, however, in his second Universal Picture, which is Riviera by Earl Derr Biggers with music by Jerome Kern and on which both Herbert and Dorothy Fields have expended considerable effort.

SALLY EILERS—JAMES DUNN PICTURE—"WE'VE HAD OUR MOMENTS" UNDER WAY AT UNIVERSAL.

Sally Eilers and James Dunn start to-day their second co-starring picture for Universal. It is entitled We've had our Moments and is by Charles F. Balden and Frederick Stephani. The Director is Alfred Worker, who directed The House of Rothschild. The producer is Edmund Grainger. The principal cast includes Mischa Auer, Warren Hyman and Marjorie Gateson. This is Mischa Auer's fourth role for Universal. He made his initial success in My Man Godfrey with the sketch; he played a small but outstanding role in Three Smart Girls, he did a comedy Hamlet in Top of the Town, which will be completed at Universal City next week, and We've had our Moments he plays an excitable Monte Carlo policeman.

Ginger Rogers And Fred Astaire in "Swing Time" at the Capitol from to-night.

"Wolf's Clothing" at the Excelsior this week.

HIGHLIGHTS OF HISTORIES, ROMNEY BRENT

Romney Brent is, as you might say, only a slip of a man. With the possible exception of German Willy Fritsch, Romney is the only film star who can play opposite tiny Elisabeth Bergner without overshadowing her physically. But that was not the reason why Max Schach of Trafalgar Films chose him as the Bergner's leading man in his new Bergner vehicle "Dreaming Lips," in which he shares the male lead honours with Raymond Massey. What Brent may lack in inches he makes up in personality, which rare quality he possesses in abundance. Add to personality a subtle intelligence allied to acting ability—and you may be nearer the reason.

Romulo Larralde and his wife Juana, of Saltillo, Mexico were presented with a son in 1902, who duly received the name of his father. A nice name too, but—as Romney himself puts it—too much resembling a roll of thunder to English ears to be popular on the stage; hence Romney and hence Brent.

There is little of the Mexican about Romney; little, indeed, of any particular nationality. He looks a cosmopolitan (which is what he is, for he is equally at home in several countries as he is in several languages) and this may be because he was educated in Paris, London, Brussels and New York City. His family however, remained sufficiently Mexican to feel shocked at the boy's interest in the stage—a profession frowned upon by the good Mexican families as bearing the stigma of low breeding.

Romulo (or Romney as he became) was not deterred by this from following his bent, and in 1922 made his stage debut as an acrobat in the New York Theatre Guild production of "He Who Gets Slapped."

The record of his stage appearances gives a clear indication of the flexibility of his characterisations. These range from important roles in Shakespeare, Ibsen, Bernard Shaw and Gogol to more contemporary and popular fare such as "Words and Music" (his London debut) and "Three Men On A Horse" (his last West End success).

Writing is his passion and he dreams of the day when he will be able to devote himself to that and to the three other things he likes best travelling, talking and sleeping. His activities at present give him little time for these three, for his day is always filled with stage rehearsals or appearances, filming and writing against time. He is the author of the stage version of "Nymph Errant"; the Cochran success, "The Mad Hopes"; and the adaptation of "To-morrow's Another Day." Also a play "Pursuit," adapted from a Somerset Maugham's story, shortly to be presented in London.

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CHRISTCHURCH (New Zealand), March 19.

The match between M. C. C. and combined Canterbury-Otago Team commenced here to-day.

The M. C. C. batting first scored 193 for seven at tea.

Resuming their play after lunch M. C. C. were all out in their first innings for 217 runs.

M. C. C. (1st Innings).

Worthington, c Crombe, b Roberts	3
Wyatt, c Mills, b Dunning	63
Hammond, b Mulcock	17
Leyland, c and b Cromb	12
Ames, c Dunning, b Cromb	7
Fishlock, c Mills, b Dunning	11
Sims, b Mulcock	43
Duckworth, b Roberts	13
Voce (not out)	24
Copson, st. Sharp, b Roberts	12
Farnes, c Cromb, b Mulcock	0
Extras	12
Total	217

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Roberts 3 for 59; Mulcock 3 for 55; Elmes nil for 37; Cromb 2 for 36; Dunning 2 for 16; and Page nil for 2.—Reuter.

Home Team 70 For 3.

At close of the day's play, Combined Canterbury-Otago Team had made 70 for the loss of three wickets.

OTAGO TEAM (First Innings)

Utley, c Fishlock, b Copson	21
Kerr, c Voce, b Copson	18
Hadlee (not out)	10
Crombe, c Farnes, b Copson	0
Page (not out)	13
Extras	8
Total (for 3 wickets)	70

Fall of wickets: 1 for 46; 2 for 47 and 3 for 47.—Reuter.

The question of a University for Travancore is raised in a resolution given notice of for discussion at the ensuing meeting of the Senate of the Madras University.

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Commander In Chief, Says Time Is Not Yet For Sweeping Changes In Army

(From Our Correspondent.)
DELHI, March 18.

Lobby talk to-day centred round the important speech on the Military policy made by the Commander-in-Chief.

It contained a significant hint to the future Ministries in the provinces. One reason which he urged for the retention of the present number of British troops in India was that the Provincial Governments wanted them.

His statement was, "if I were to remove a single British Regiment from a single place, there would be most vehement protest from the Local Government area:" Could we deprive Indian Ministries in advance of the Bulwark of British troops, asked the Commander-in-Chief.

The question now is what would happen if the coming Ministries in the Provinces declare that they don't need British troops and in the event of civil disruption rely on Indian regiments. Will the Government of India then take up the question of reducing the number of British troops?

According to the Commander-in-Chief the gain to the Exchequer would be eight crores if all the British troops are replaced by Indian regiments. Other points raised by the Commander-in-Chief were that this was not the time for radical sweeping changes, that we had not yet the experience of the Indian army trained and led by the Indians and that qualities of British and Indian soldier were complementary to each other.

ROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT

Amelia Earhart Takes Off From California

OAKLAND (California), March 18.

Amelia Earhart left at 04-30 (local time) on the 2,000 mile stage to Honolulu on her Round the World Flight.

An hour earlier the Hawaii clipper on the regular trans-pacific flight and the Pan-American clipper on a survey flight to New Zealand also left for Honolulu. A small crowd was present to bid farewell to Amelia Earhart, including her husband, the Publisher George Putnam. "Lady Lindy's" heavily fuelled 80,000 dollar machine required a run of almost 4,000 feet before leaving the ground and racing in the path of the clippers. Later, Earhart radioed that all was well and that she had overtaken the Pan-American clipper. Her route is via Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Aden, Khartoun, Dakar, Natal, Brazil, Mexico and Oakland. The machine, with a cruising speed of 180 to 120 m.p.h. is equipped with virtually every known safety device, including a speaking radio.—Reuter's Special.

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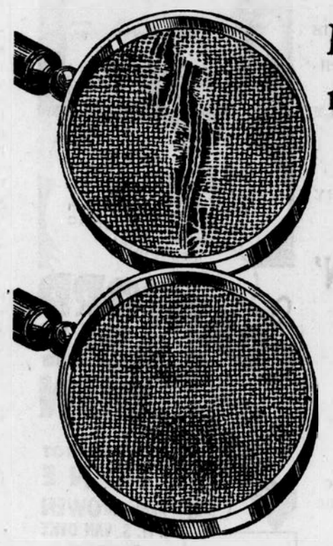

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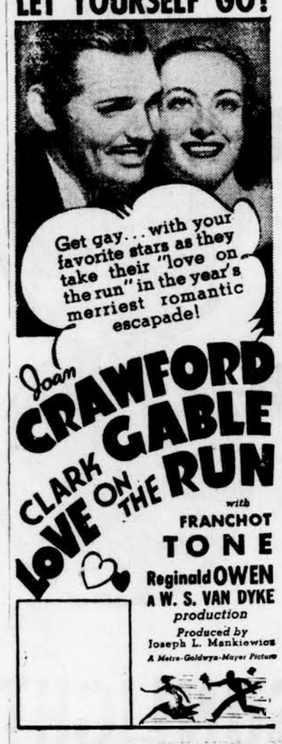
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Seth Bajaj Elected President Of Madras Session

NEW DELHI, (By Mail.)

Seth Jamnalal Bajaj having secured the largest number of votes, was declared elected as the President of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan for the current year, at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Sammelan held here on the 14th instant under the presidentship of Babu Rajendra Prasad.

Seth Jamnalal Bajaj will, accordingly, preside over the next session of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan to be held at Madras on March 26, 27, 28 and 29.

It is stated that the Standing Committee also considered the report of the Nagri script reform sub-committee, presented by Kaka Kalelkar. Some of the recommendations of the sub-committee were adopted and the consideration of the rest of the proposals was postponed.

At Nagri session, a sub-committee had been appointed to suggest measures for the correct use of gender in Hindi. Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, the convener or chairman of that Committee, introduced this subject at the last meeting of the standing committee and he pointed out numerous inaccuracies and discrepancies in the use of genders prevalent in some provinces. He was requested to incorporate his suggestions in a written report on the subject.—A.P.

Ahmedabad (By Mail.)—A meeting of the Council of the All-India Spinners' Association will be held on 23rd and 24th instant at Wardha.—A.P.

DIFFICULTIES BEFORE LABOUREKS

Request For New Arbitrators' Appointment?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
INDORE, (By Mail)

The 17,000 labourers of local industry are facing starvation due to the delay of the Prime Minister's award. The labourers and their Union have repeatedly requested the Prime Minister to expedite the award, but their voice has remained unheard. The Labour Enquiry Committee appointed by the Prime Minister has not finished yet its work, and it is reliably informed that the Committee will again meet on the 17th to discuss the affair finally and probably by the end of this month the Committee would submit its report for the award of the arbitrator.

But looking to the present health of the Prime Minister, Sir S. M. Bapna, it is estimated that the award would take at least two months' time, as the Prime Minister is not attending his duties and is taking rest. He is advised by the Medical advisers not to look after the State work at least for two months. Under such circumstances it is feared that the labourers would down their tools if the award is not given before the 15th of April. For the last ten days the labourers were thinking of going on a general strike, but due to the attempts of the local Union and its workers the situation was avoided. But it would be very difficult for the Union and its workers to control the situation which would be created by the delay of the award.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING IN CAMERA

It is understood that taking into consideration the present unrest the representative body of the Labour Union met at the residence of the Union President with Mr. N. H. Dravid in Chair. The meeting was held in camera and its proceedings were not open to the Press. The representative body had long discussions for more than three hours, and it is believed that the meeting has decided to move the labourers for demanding change in the arbitrator. As the present health of the Prime Minister would certainly delay the award the meeting has asked the labourers to consider the proposal for changing the arbitrator and it is assumed the Labour Union would invite the opinions of the 17,000 mill labourers by way of taking signatures.

It is not finally known that who would be the next arbitrator, but looking to the policy of the State and the millowners it is understood that no foreigner would be accepted by these parties if the poor labourers would suggest any such name. On the other hand the policy would compel the labourers to suggest the name of the Holkar Government Cabinet, and it is believed that it would be welcomed by the mill agents also. The labourers' present demand is that anyhow the award work must be expedited and justice given to them. They do not think whether the arbitrator is Sir S. M. Bapna or the Cabinet but they want justice done soon.

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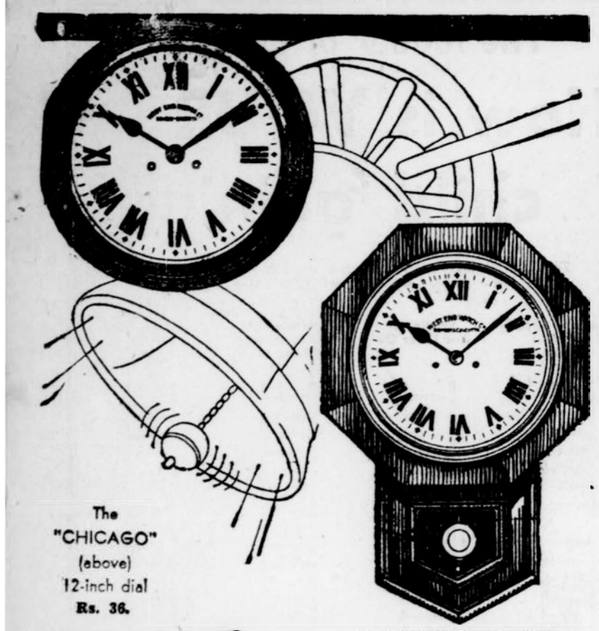

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Bombay Programme

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8-0 a.m. The VUB Indian Orchestra, 8-15 Light Music, Anjanibai Wadkar, "Bhor bhayi milana" Jiwanpuri (Titala), 8-30 Talk (Gujerati): "Thus Spake Zarathustra" by Major S. R. Bamji, 8-45 Film Music, Surendranath, "Rasbhare naina tore balam" from Village Girl K. C. Dey, "Ha gul tasveer me bub asmeri" Manzil Surendranath, "Jootha hai sansar khel tamasha" Village Girl K. C. Dey "Ayegi taja bahar mere bagame" from Maya (Recorded H.M.V.), 9-0 Light Music, Ajanibai Wadkar, Thumri Tilang, "Jamana ke teere" Bahiravi with Sarangi, Harmonium and Tabla), 1-0 p. m. Market Rates and Announcements Jules Craen and his Quintette, 5-30 Popular Music G.G. Mande of Baroda "Mai jhanjs mandilava bajo" Bhoop (Titala), "Yeri maiko nahi par besara Adana (Titala), "Na bahu vachanala jaga kahi" Marathi pad, "Kanchanaki pichakari" Kafi (Titala) With the VUB instrumentalists), 6-30 Mercia Bai Vazir Bai of Poona, 7-0 Talk Gujerati): "The Story of Writing" No. 2 by Kaplia Khandwalla, 7-15 A Variety Programme, Prof. Shankarrao Vyas Mandolin Solo Kaf and Durga, Sitar Solo Bihag, vocal Music "Pooajana aye munijan" Khayal Shudda Kalyan, "Harava phulavana paharavo" Titala Shudda Kalyan, "Jori naina base" Mand, "Jhulana padharo Radhe" Mishra Pilu, (With Sarangi, Harmonium and Tabla), 8-30 Commercial News and the News in Hindi, 9-0 Talk (English): "The Week in Sport" by Frank Tarrant 9-15 The News, 9-30 A Dance Interlude, Debroy Somers Band 10-0 An Orchestral Hour, (Recorded, 11-0 Close down.

Delhi Programme

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8-0 a.m. Shiv Dayal Batish, "Le sudh hi pran odnar,." Bhajan Asa "Mohe piya bin xeii negen si dese seen." Thumri Kalanra, 8-20 Mian ki Todi On Banjo, 8-25 Kumari Monimala Ganguli, Hindustani and Bengali Songs, 8-40 Madho Parshad Tarabadkar, Classical and Light Music, 9-0 Time Signal: Talk (Hindustani): "Provincial Peculiarities" No. 6 Madras by Mrs Krishna Rao, 9-15 Kumari Monimala Ganguli, Hindustani Songs, 9-35 Madho Parshad Tarabadkar Classical and Light Music, 9-55 Nautch Gat on Sarangi, Violin, and Tabla, 10-0 Shiv Dayal Batish, "Kaise jai jaon bharan," Thumri Desai, "Mero Madan Mohan meet" Bhajan Bhopal, "Dard ko qaid kiya shauq ko azad kiya, Ham se jis tarah bana ham ne tujhe yad kiya." (Jigar). 1-0 p.m. A Dance Hour. 1-55 1st News and Weather Report (English), 2-0 1st News and Weather Report (Hindustani), 2-5 Indian Music (Recorded), 5-30 AIR Orchestra, Purbi, 5-40 Madho Parshad Tarabadkar, Classical and Light Music, 6-10 Bhopali On Sarod, 6-15 Kumari Monimala Ganguli, Hindustani and Bengal. Songs, 6-30 Shiv Dayal Batish, "Madan Mohan Madho mato Khanhai" Thumri Pat Deep, "Kis nazar se aj woh de kha kiya Dil mira duba kiya uchhla kiya." (Jigar), 6-50 Pirbhu Dayal (Amateur), Light Music, 7-0 "For Villagers Only" (Time Signal and Delhi Market Rates at 7-30 p.m.) 8-0 Debate (Hindustani): "Are They Anachronism?" No. 5 Caste, Ram Singh vs Pandit Sattya Deva Vidyalankar, 8-10 Madho Parshad Tarabadkar, Classical and Light Music, 8-40 Darbari On Piano, Violin, and Tabla, 8-45 Shiv Dayal Batish, "Apni sharan nen lije Jagdishwari Bhawani." Bhajan Rageshwari, "Madhuri Muratya Mohan ki." Thumri Khammaj, 9-0 Kumari Monimala Ganguli, Hindustani and Bengali Songs, 9-15 2nd News and Weather Report (Hindustani), 9-30 Time Signal 2nd News and Weather Report (English), 9-45 Talk (English): "Land of Marvels", Moghul Architecture, by Pandit Sita Ram, Curator, Lahore, 10-0 Play (Hindustani): "Parmatma ka Insaf" performed by Air Artists.

Calcutta Programme

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12-36 p.m. A "Columbia" Recorded Programme, by T. E. Bevan and Company Ltd., 1-36 Talk: "The Evolution of Social Customs" by Mrs. S. C. Mittra, 1-51 Bengali Song, Nilima Bhaduri, 2-6 Modern Song, Sm. Sudhira Sen Gupta 2-16 Flute Solo Bimal Dutta (Of Jantri Sangha),, 2-31 Music. The Happy Quarette, 2-41 Kirtan K. C. Dey, 2-51 Talk: "Strange Experiences in Life" Hunting in Assam, House-Keeping, by Bella Halder, 5-6 A Broadcast for Rural Areas, 5-36 Light Bengali Song Binapany (2), 5-51 The Janti Sangha, conducted by Surendra Lall Das, 6-1 Modern Bengali Song Niharbala, 6-16 The Jantri Sangha, 6-26 Bhajan (Hindustani) Bijoy Kumar, 6-41 "Gita-Ratna Har" Gems of ancient and modern songs, Collected and arranged by Bani Kumar, with the Jantri Sangha, Artists: Kalipado Pathak, Krishna Chandra Ghose, Parul Rani Choudhury, Harimati, 8-6 Talk: "Smilea while" No. 2, The Printer's Devil, by Probodh Chatterjee, 8-21 Bengali Thumri, Fullanalini, 8-41 Commercial News and Weather Report (In Bengali), 8-46 The News and Announcements, 9-1 Commercial News and Weather Report (In English), 9-6 The News and Announcements, 9-21 Sydney Pearch and his Orchestra, Pansy Ferris Comedienne

Phohi Programme

(WAVELENGTH 16.88m)

18-30 National Anthem—Opening Announcement, 18-35 The latest news, 18-45 Children's choir 19-05 Gram. records, 19-15 Microphone debutants, 19-30 From week to week. Talk by Mr. L Aletrino, 19-50 Stock market reports, 20-05 Children's Choir contd. 20-15 Dance music.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

Foundation Day Celebrations

The Foundation Day of the Social Service League was celebrated with great eclat on Friday evening at Damoder Thakersy Hall. A musical programme of garba dances and dialogue was highly appreciated by those present. Lady Beaumont presided and congratulated the members on the great and good work achieved by them in the past and wished them every success in the future She then distributed the prizes to the successful students of the Industrial School for Women, conducted by Mahila Seva Mandal.

PRESSING DEMANDS.

There are demands from the public for the expansion of the League's present activities and also for the introduction of other activities but it is unable to satisfy these demands owing to the inadequacy of funds at its disposal, although every effort is being made to show progress every year, declared Mr. B. N. Motiwala, General Secretary, in his report reviewing the activities of the institution during the past 12 months. He added that the Managing Committee counted upon the support of all persons interested in philanthropy and social activities on modern lines for the success of its present efforts.

TRIBUTE TO ACTIVITIES.

Addressing the gathering, Lady Beaumont said that it gave her great pleasure to preside at the function because she greatly admired the work done by the League. "I am not going to mention all the good things it does, because if I begin to comment on each item I shall keep you all here for the next few days. There are six branches or more and they are all doing the most useful work. The League also helps three other institutions, which is rather wonderful when it had so much to do for itself."

On the motion of Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Lady Beaumont.

Prosecution Following Fight Over Woman Withdrawn

BOMBAY: Friday.

Twenty-two persons who were charged with rioting and mischief by fire were ordered to be discharged at the Dadar Police Court to-day.

When they were put up for remand it was stated that on February 18 following a complaint against and arrest of a South Indian for the alleged molesting of a cooly-woman at Dharavi, a large body of his friends assaulted some coolies and had later on set fire to their huts.

The police in their application to-day stated that there was not sufficient evidence to proceed with the prosecution and prayed that the persons may be discharged.

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Governor's Plea For Mutual Co-operation In Working Reforms

BOMBAY: Friday.

"I have some times a feeling that on the one hand the Government keep their fist too tight in releasing funds which belong to us and on the other hand they put their hand a little too deep in our pockets in the matter of those sources of revenue which we regard as our own."

These words were uttered by Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, the Mayor of Bombay, in proposing the toast of H. E. the Governor and Lady Brabourne at the Mayoral Luncheon, he gave on Friday afternoon in the Municipal Corporation.

Covers were laid for 60 guests. The menu was entirely vegetarian and the toast was drunk with aerated waters.

Mayor's Speech

After the loyal toast, in proposing the toast of the Governor and Lady Brabourne, the Mayor said:

I rise to propose the health of His Excellency the Governor Lord Brabourne and Lady Brabourne and in doing so I beg to say how welcome you all are, Ladies and Gentlemen, to this Mayoral Luncheon and to express to you my best thanks for accepting my humble invitation and the even more humble fare.

The intimate and the almost day-to-day relations between the Government of this Presidency and the Bombay Municipal Corporation need not be emphasised. The ties which bind us are so real and vital that only the cordiality of our relations can be to the benefit of either. This was strikingly demonstrated during the disturbances of October last when the Government of Bombay, while maintaining strict impartiality, heartily co-operated with the Corporation in enabling it to discharge its functions and obligations. The measures which Government took to restore peace will always be remembered by the citizens with gratitude.

Another conspicuous act of co-operation has been the appointment of a succession of very competent officers as Municipal Commissioners of Bombay, the latest among whom is my friend Mr. Taunton, the Commissioner after our heart. We can also legitimately claim that our own attitude has been one of equal cordiality and we have responded with alacrity to the calls of Government whenever the common interests of the citizens required us to do so.

Bombay's World-Wide Fame

As the capital of the Presidency and a port of world-wide fame, this City has obligations not merely to the citizens residing within its Municipal limits, nor to the people of the Bombay Presidency alone, but to the whole of India and even to the rest of the world. It is no light task therefore which falls to the lot of this Corporation and its Executive to keep abreast of the times in a world which is marching along the path of civic amenities from one mile-stone of progress to another with unexampled rapidity. Our ideal of civic obligations is best expressed in our motto "Urbs Prima in Indis" and while nobody is more conscious than ourselves of our many sins of omission and commission, we can legitimately claim that within the limits of our resources we are earnestly striving to live up to our obligations.

I am also no less conscious that our reputation as the first city in the East has been achieved at the cost of heavy burdens on the City's tax-payer and the neglect of some of the most elementary needs of the vast masses of the City's population.

But this I shall say with confidence that we are now awakened to that task and if we could combine courage with caution and can yoke to our enterprise the willing hand of Government, there should not be a slum in Bombay nor an illiterate person in this City within a period of ten years.

Government And Corporation

My optimism is however checked by the reflection that if this glorious vision is to materialise, Government will have to pull their full weight. In the past we have not always succeeded in persuading them to see eye to eye with us. I do not propose to dwell at length on those hardy annuals about the Government not honouring their bond in the matter of primary education or about their trenching on our resources admittedly local, as for instance, the tax on amusements or even about their not furnishing us with alternative sources of revenue when our finances became suddenly depleted e.g. by the abolition of the Town Duty on Cotton.

I have got the Municipal Secretary to prepare for me the figures of the financial loss which we have suffered and are suffering owing to these causes. The loss already suffered is over a crore of rupees and the recurring loss is over twenty lakhs per year. If the Bombay Municipality has been unable to go as far as it would have liked to do in the matter of mass welfare these figures ought to be an extenuation.

I have sometimes a feeling that on the one, hand the Government keep their fist too tight in releasing funds which belong to us and on the other hand they put their hand a little too deep in our pockets in the matter of those sources of revenue which we regard as our own.

But these reflections are idle and I am expressing them, not in the hope of provoking a promise from His Excellency for a liberal treatment by the Government of Bombay of the claims of the Bombay Municipality. Conditions will soon alter and His Excellency might courteously retort that these grouses might hereafter be sent to another address and that so far as he was concerned, his position in future was to be that of a benevolent neutral.

Governor And Constitution.

Broadly speaking, that would be the constitutional position but there is another difficulty. A widespread fear exists in this country that the special powers and responsibilities of the Governor would constitute a standing handicap to any minister pursuing a beneficent policy, and some have even asked that Provincial Governors should give an undertaking not to use them.

It is not for me to speculate what the reply of Provincial Governors will be to such a requisition, but I know and I am sure you know, that if there is one Provincial Governor in India who can be relied upon to make the path of his Ministers smooth that individual is His Excellency Lord Brabourne and if a ministry is formed in Bombay under the new Constitution one can confidently trust that ministry to have a free hand for the development of local self-government so far as the Constitution would permit the Governor to do so.

It is not therefore too much to hope that the next Mayor of Bombay will be in a position to present a more cheerful picture than I have been able to do.

Misfortunes do not come singly. As soon as we got out of the peril of the safeguards, we are confronted with another and no less serious difficulty. We are threatened with the loss of the very gentleman on whom were based our hopes of smooth sailing in the uncharted seas on which we are to be launched from the 1st of April next. But we have to take such comfort as we can from the fact that the loss of Bombay will be a sure gain for Bengal.

Tribute To Lady Brabourne

In asking you to drink to the health of His Excellency Lord Brabourne, I have great pleasure in asking you to couple the name of Lady Brabourne. According to the Hindu ideal, the best wife is one who completely identifies herself with her husband and I am sure you all agree with me when I say that for three years Her Excellency has so thoroughly made the interests of His Excellency her own that they have appeared to us a single personality working, so far as within them lay, for the welfare of the City and the Presidency.

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GOVERNOR'S REPLY

Replying to the Mayor's toast, His Excellency said. "I want to express my very sincere thanks to your Worship for the charming words you gave expression to and to you, ladies and gentlemen, for the manner in which you all have received them.

"I offer my very sincere congratulations to the Mayor for the outstanding success he has shown himself to be during the year of his office, and I feel sure that when the time comes for him to relinquish his office, he will be able to look upon that period of one year with that satisfaction which one feels in looking back upon a period of good work done.

"I would like to endorse every word of what your Worship said about the friendly relations which have always existed between my Government and the Municipality, and I do hope that they will continue to exist for many many years to come (Cheers).

"If I do not follow you in any detail into the realms of financial speculations, it is because, as your Worship so rightly said, in another thirteen days the responsibility of dealing with finances of this kind will devolve upon others, and it would not be proper for me to say anything in advance."

"Your Worship has referred in kind words the subject of our leaving Bombay towards the end of the year. I do not think any words of mine are required to tell you how sincerely sorry Lady Brabourne and I feel to leave our many many personal friends not only in Bombay City but throughout the length and breadth of the Presidency. The great consolation is the fact that we are enabled to remain in India for a further period of five years. That is a prospect to which both of us do look forward with very sincere pleasure indeed."

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNOR

Proceeding, the Governor said: "You touched slightly the very important question of the political future of the Presidency. I would like to thank the Mayor very much indeed for the reference he made to me as a Constitutional Governor in the future, and say that I very much appreciate the confidence which he shows in me. My views on the subject are too well-known to need repetition, and I sincerely trust that I may receive from my future Ministers that friendly co-operation which I am ready to extend to them. (Applause).

In conclusion, His Excellency thanked the Mayor for his hospitality and good wishes and wished him the best of success in whatever walk of life he might decide to enter. (Cheers).

Mr. Meyer Nissim thanked the Mayor for his hospitality and paid a tribute to his shrewdness and his qualities in debate his work in the cause of social service and his championship of labour

Mr. Nissim also referred to the press reports about the likelihood of Mr. Mehta being translated into another chair (meaning that of the Legislative Assembly). The Municipal Corporation, however, considered the Mayoral Chair as the higher chair because it considered the Mayor to be the first citizen of Bombay.

TWO MEN DROWNED

RANGOON, March 19.

A river tragedy in which two persons are reported to have found their watery grave took place Sunday evening in Moulmein.

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THE NEXT WAR-

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attempt to conquer Holland, Belgium, Austria, etc.

France is not in a position even to dream of a voluntary assault on any other State: Due to her hopeless economic-financial instability she is in a state of moral and political disintegration. The present Government is built on the most diversified groups of conflicting elements. The old parties will probably never again muster mass support, and are daily losing favour. Soon a revolutionary upheaval may convulse France as is now proceeding in Spain. In the face of such historic probabilities, it is obvious that no French Government, of whatever political complexion, will take an aggressive stand against Germany or any other nation for a long time to come.

Though there is little probability of war between Germany and France, the same cannot be said about eastern Europe and other parts of the world.

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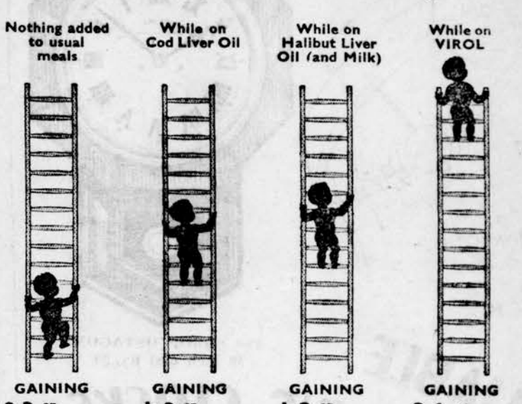
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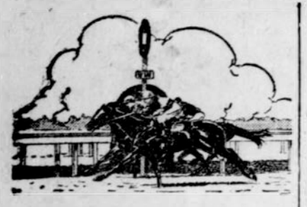

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"This Constitution Must Go"

We Want Independence, Not Dominion Status

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have our roots in those past struggles which are written in the history of the Congress and our freedom movement. This Convention is a child of the Congress, looking to it for strength and guidance.

In writing this address I suffer from a disability. During the few days that will elapse between now and the meeting of the Convention, the major issues before us will be decided by the All-India Congress Committee. I do not know what these final decisions will be, and so, when this written message changes to the spoken word, much may have happened which might need variation or emphasis. And yet, whatever this variation might be, the Congress policy and programme are clear and fixed for us by repeated resolutions of the Congress itself and by our election manifesto. We must move within that orbit and any attempt to go out of it would be a berayal of that policy and of the larger interests for which the Congress has stood.

The electorate was confined to a bare ten per cent of our people, but everybody knows that the lower down the scale we go, the greater is the Congress strength. The remaining ninety per cent are even more solidly for the Congress than the ten per cent who have supported us.

Muslims And Congress

Only in regard to the Muslim seats did we lack success. But our very failure on this occasion has demonstrated that success is easily in our grasp and the Muslim masses are increasingly turning to the Congress.

We failed because we had long neglected working among the Muslim masses and we could not reach them in time. But where we reached, especially in the rural areas, we found almost the same response, the same anti-imperialist spirit, as in others

The communal problem, of which we hear so much, seemed to be utterly non-existent, when we talked to the peasant, whether Hindu, Muslim or Sikh. We failed also among the Muslims because of their much smaller electorate which could be easily manipulated and coerced by authority and vested interests. But I am convinced that, even so, we would have had a much larger measure of success if we had paid more attention to the Muslim masses.

Pacts And Compromises

We have too long thought in terms of pacts and compromises between communal leaders and neglected the people behind them. That is a discredited policy and I trust that we shall not revert to it.

We deal with economic groups to day and the problems of poverty and unemployment and national freedom are common for the Hindu, the Muslim, the Sikh, and the Christian.

As soon as we leave the top fringe, which is continually talking of percentages of seats in the legislatures and State jobs, and reach the masses, we come up against these problems. This way lies the ending of what has long been known as the communal problem.

Muslims In Ferment

One of the most remarkable signs of the times is the ferment amongst the Muslims in India, both the intelligentsia and the masses.

Without any effective leadership, they have drifted aimlessly, and they resent this helpless position and feel that the communal leadership they have had has weakend them politically, in spite of the trivial and superficial gains which they are supposed to have got from an imperialism which seeks to wean them away from the national movement.

Muslim young men and old, and the Muslim Press, are full of this self-analysis, and the desire to get out of the communal rut and line up with the forces of freedom and progress is strong within them.

Lessons Of Elections

The elections have many lessons to teach us but the outstanding fact is this: Where we went to the masses direct we won overwhelmingly. Our partial lack of success in some provinces was clearly due to the Congress organisation there being confined to the cities and having little contact with the peasantry.

To win an election is a small matter for us: we are out to win the freedom of our people.

Censure On Imperialism

Having disposed of these failures let me refer to the success that has come to us, for it is this tremendous success, not surprising for us who know our people, but astounding and upsetting to others, that is the outstanding feature of these elections.

How carefully and lovingly the Government had nursed the great vested interests of India, encouraged the big landlords and communalists, helped them to organise themselves to oppose us and looked confidently for success in its evil venture!

Where are they now, these pillars of Imperialism in India and exploiters of the Indian people? Sunk almost without trace, overwhelmed by the sea of Indian humanity, swept away by the big broom of the masses from the political scene.

Like a house of cards they have fallen at the touch of reality; even so will others go who oppose India's freedom, and a day will come when British imperialism throttles and crushes our people no more and is a dream of the past for us.

Notice To Quit

If there is any meaning in democracy, if this complicated and expensive apparatus of elections and voting has any sense behind it and is not an impertinent farce, then the Indian people have spoken, so that even the deaf might hear, and proclaimed that they will not have this Constitution. They have given notice to quit to British imperialism.

This Constitution must therefore go, lock, stock and barrel, and leave the field clear for our Constituent Assembly

Emphatic Direction

We talk of and discuss our policy in the legislatures, but all this is vain and profitless parleying before the fundamental and dominant fact of the situation that this Constitution must go.

So the people of India have decided and we shall be false and unfaithful representatives of our people if we allow ourselves to forget this fact contrary to that emphatic direction.

Longing For Office

I know that there are elements amongst us who are too fond of slurring over these fundamentals, who look longingly to office, and who have even compromised the dignity of our great cause and of the Congress by discussing the personnel of ministries long before the question of acceptance or non-acceptance of ministerial office has been decided by the All-India Congress Committee.

Whatever their views may be on this issue, whatever the decision of the A. I. C. C. might be, I would have them remember, now and for the future, that no Congressman, worthy of his name, no Congress member of a legislature, can act except with the dignity and discipline that our cause and organisation demand.

I would have them remember the Election Manifesto and the Congress resolutions on the basis of which they sought the suffrage of the people.

Let no one forget that we have entered the legislatures not to co-operate in any way with British imperialism but to fight and end this Act which enslaves and binds us.

Let no one forget that we fight for independence.

What is this Independence?

A clear, definite, ringing word, which all the world understands, with no possibility of ambiguity And yet, to our misfortune, even that word has become an object of interpretation and misinterpretation.

Let us be clear about it. Independence means national freedom in the fullest sense of the word; it means, as our pledge has stated, a severance of the British connection. It means anti-imperialism and no compromise with empire

Words are hurled at us: Dominion Status, Statutes of Westminster, British Commonwealth of Nations, and we quibble about their meaning I see no real commonwealth anywhere, only an empire exploiting the Indian people and numerous other peoples in different parts of the world.

I want my country to have nothing to do with this enormous engine of exploitation in Asia and Africa. If this engine goes, we have nothing but good-will for England, and in any event we wish to be friends with the mass of the British people.

What Is Dominion Status?

Dominion Status is a term which arose under peculiar circumstances and it changed its significance as time passed. In the British group of nations, it signified a certain European dominating group exploiting numerous subject peoples.

That distinction continues whatever change the Statutes of Westminster might have brought about in the relations 'inter se' of the members of that European dominating group.

That group represents British imperialism and it stands in the world to-day for the very order and forces of reaction against which we struggle. How then can we associate ourselves willingly with this order and these forces? Or it is conceived that we might in the course of time and if we behave ourselves, be promoted from the subject group to the dominating group, and yet the imperialist structure and basis of the whole will remain more or less as it is?

This is a vain conception having no relation to reality, and even if it were with in the realms of possibility, we should have none of it, for we would then become partners in imperialism and in the exploitation of others. And among these others would probably be large numbers of our own people.

Tentacles Of Imperialism

To talk, therefore, of dominion status, in its widest significance, even including the right to separate, is to confine ourselves to one group, which of necessity will oppose and be opposed by other groups, and which will essentially be based on the present decaying social order.

Therefore we can not entertain this idea of dominion status in any shape or form; it is independence we want, not any particular status. Under cover of that phrase, the tentacles of imperialism will creep up and hold us in their grip, though the outer structure might be good to look at.

Academic Talk.

But all this discussion about dominion status is academic talk. It is many years now since India put that idea by and there can be no reversion to it.

To-day, with the whole world in the cauldron of change and disaster threatening it, this lawyer's jargon seems strangely out of place.

What counts to-day for us is to break and end this Constitution.

What counts for the world is Spain and British rearmament and the French armament loan, and the frantic and terrific race to be ready for war before this catastrophe comes to overwhelm civilisation. When will this come, suddenly and unannounced, and make a wreck of the modern world? That is the question for you and all of us, for on our answer and on our ability to cope with this crisis will depend the future of the Indian people.

We have bigger decisions to take, graver choices before us, than those of lawyers' making.

Strength And Perseverance.

Those decisions and that action require strength and perseverance and a disciplined nation. They require the masses in intelligent and organised movement for mass ideals and mass welfare. They demand that joint front of anti-imperialist forces, of which we have heard so much, and of which our National Congress is the living embodiment.

It is not by mere votes in the legislatures, or petty reforms, or even artificial deadlocks, that freedom will come, but by the mobilisation of mass strength, and the co-ordination of our struggle in the legislatures with our struggles outside. For, essentially, we aims at the conquest of power, power for the Indian people to shape

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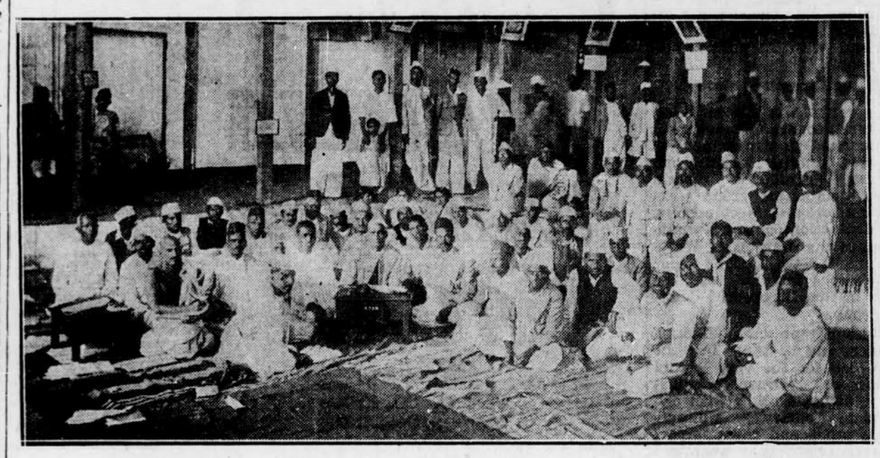

A view of the meeting of the members of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee held on the 11th instant at Dharwar.

JAWAHARLAL'S ADDRESS TO CONVENTION

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their destiny, and that power will only come through our own strength and will to achieve.

Inside Legislatures.

With this background of principles and Congress policy we have to consider the narrower issue of what we are to do inside the legislatures. This narrow issue, and especially the question of acceptance or non-acceptance of ministerial office, has given rise to much controversy, and has often been considered divorced from the more fundamental factors of the situation.

Congress members of the legislatures have their work cut out for them by Congress resolutions. That work is primarily to fight the Act and press and work for a Constituent Assembly.

The Constituent Assembly that we demand will come into being only as the expression of the will and the strength of the Indian people; it will function when it has sanctions behind it to give effect to its decisions without reference to outside authority.

It will represent the sovereignty of the Indian people and will meet as the arbiter of our destiny.

There is no room for a Constituent Assembly in India till we have in effect removed the burdens and obstructions, and the will of the Indian people can have sovereign play. And, till then, there is no room in India for any other constitution imposed upon us; there is no room only unhappily, for conflict and struggle between an imperialism that dominates and a nationalism that seeks deliverance. That nationalism is no weakling to-day and, though it may have to wait awhile for its deliverance, it will not tolerate domination and dictation.

Narrow Issue.

So we are told by the Congress to go to the legislatures not to co-operate, for this so-called co-operation would only be another name for submission to dictation, but to fight the Act.

It is within this narrow framework that we have to consider the question of office acceptance. That question will have been decided by the All-India Congress Committee by the time we meet in Convention and I stand before you, and by that decision this Convention will be bound. So I cannot say much about it here. I have often given expression to my views on this subject and our electoral victory has not changed them in any way. But we have to remember that whatever the decision of the All-India Congress Committee might be, the whole logic of Congress resolutions and declarations and policy leads us to maintain a spirit of non-co-operation towards this Constitution and Act.

Ordinarily in a democratic constitution to have a majority means an acceptance of ministerial responsibility. To refuse responsibility and power when a democratic process offers it to us is illogical and improper. But we have neither democracy nor power in this Constitution, the illogicality and contradiction lie in the Constitution itself.

Meaning Of Swaraj.

Many of you are eager and desirous of doing some thing to relieve the burdens of our masses, to help the peasant and the worker and the vast numbers of middle class unemployed. Who does not want to do that?

No one likes conflict and obstruction, and we have hungered so long for real opportunities for serving our people through constructive effort. They cry aloud for succour, these unhappy millions of our countrymen, and even wehn their coices are silent, their dumb eyes are eloquent with appeal. It is difficult to live in this country surrounded by this human desolation and mliery, unspoken often and the harder to bear because of that.

We talk of Swaraj and independence, but in human terms it means relief to the masses from their unutterable sorrow and misery. Ultimately all that we work for resolves itself into that. And if we have a chance to give such relief even in a small measure, we cannot reject it.

But that relief must be for the millions, not for a few odd individuals. And if we think in terms of those millions, what relex does this new Constitution offer,

I have read its relevant clauses again and again, ever with a growing astonishment at the audacity of those who have framed it and thrust it on us, protecting all those who needed no protection, confirming their privileged position as exploiters, binding us hand and foot not to touch them in any way, and leaving the masses of India to sink deeper in the quicksands of poverty.

We cannot give adequate relief to the masses within the scope of this Constitution; that is a demonstrable impossibility.

But we can do some other things. We can take upon ourselves the odium and responsibility of keeping the imperialist structure functioning, we can become indirectly responsible for the repression of our own comrades, we can take away the initiative from the masses and tone down their fine temper which we ourselves have helped in building up.

All this may happen if we follow the path of least resistance and gradually adapt ourselves to existing conditions. I do not think that this will happen for the temper of the Congress and the people will not allow it. We have gone too far for that

United Policy

Our decisions must be all India decisions, for it would be fatal to have variations in policy to suit the minor needs of provinces. The unity of India has to be maintained; so also the unity of our struggle against imperialism.

Danger lurks in provinces acting separately and being induced to parley separately.

Therefore, as I conceive it, the chief virtue of this Convention, now or later, is to keep this all India character of our work in the legislatures ever in the forefront and to prevent fissiparous tendencies and the development of provincialism. A necessary counterpart of this is the maintenance of a uniform discipline among Congress members of all legislatures.

Every effort is likely to be made on the part of our opponents to affect breaches in that discipline and all India policy, but we must realise that without that self-imposed discipline and uniformity, our strength goes and we become isolated groups and individuals, ignored and crushed in turn by our opponents.

Dynamic Age

You will soon go back to your provinces and constituencies and explain to our comrades there the decisions taken here in Delhi city, and prepare for the new forms of struggle that await you.

We have some experience of this struggle for freedom and many of us have given the best part of our lives to it, and a variation in its shape or form will not deter us. But we must hold to our old anchor and not be swept away by passing currents. And we must remember that we live in a dynamic world where almost everybody expects sudden and violent change and catastrophe.

That crisis, national or international, may seize us by the throat unawares sooner than we imagine. So we must be ever ready for it, and we may not think or act in terms of static or slow-moving periods.

Protest Hartal

Our next task is the 'hartal' of April 1st, and on that day I hope you will be in your constituencies to take part in that mighty demonstration against this slave Constitution and to declare again, with millions of our countrymen, that this Constitution must be scrapped and must give place to another, framed by a Constituent Assembly and based on the sovereignty of the people of India.—United Press.

Press Note

A press note issued with copies of the Presidential address says:

The address had to be written before the A.I.C.C. meeting and it will be delivered after the A.I.C.C. has determined the main lines of Congress policy. This placed the writer in a somewhat difficult position.

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PATNA, March 9.

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PORTFOLIOS FOR ORISSA MINISTERS

CUTTACK, March, 18.

It is understood that the portfolios for the three ministers of Orissa have been allotted as follsow:

One holding Financell Commerce and Law, anther Home Revenue and Education on the third Local Self-Government and Public Works.

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Weekly Market Reviews

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY: March 19.

MONEY.

There was no change in the monetary situation, call loans being available at 3/4 per cent. This week's three months Treasury Bills fetched Rs. 0-15-1 per cent as compared to Rs. 0-15-11 per cent last week. Total tenders amounted to Rs. 2,06,25,000, of which Rs. 1 crore were accepted. Maturities, on the other hand, amounted to Rs. 2 crores, and in addition the market received about Rs. 1.11 crores being the proceeds of £830,000 sterling sold to Government. Fixed deposit rates were 1-1/2 per cent and 1-3/4 per cent for three and six months respectively.

GILT-EDGED

The gilt-edged market was comparatively steady during the period under report with intermittent recessions following London advices. 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling loan declined from £88-1/2 to £87-1/2, and the quotation for 3-1/2 per cent Rupee Paper in the local market dropped to Rs. 91-11. During the latter part, prices recovered locally on bear covering, 3-1/2 per cent Rupee Paper improving to Rs. 93-8. 3-1/2 per cent India Sterling Loan was also better quoted at £88-1/2. The premium on spot paper which had widened to 8 annas last week, narrowed to 2 annas. 2-3/4 per cent 1948-52 new loan after declining from Rs. 99 to Rs. 98-10, advanced and closed at Rs. 98-15. 3 per cent 1941 loan closed at Rs. 103-2; 3 per cent 1951-54 loan at Rs. 100-14 and 3-1/2 per cent 1947-50 loan at Rs. 104-6. 4 per cent 1943 bonds declined from Rs. 108-2 to Rs. 107-6. 4 per cent 1960-70 loan opened at Rs. 111 and after easing off to Rs. 110-8, closed a shade better at Rs. 110-12. 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 was placed at Rs. 117-2 and 5 per cent 1939-44 loan was maintained around Rs. 106-2. 5 per cent 1940-43 loan lost about three-quarter point. 5 per cent 1945-55 (tax free) loan advanced from Rs. 117-14 to Rs. 118-6. 5-1/2 per cent 1938-40 loan was quoted at Rs. 105-4.

EXCHANGE

Sterling exchange was quiet but steady during the week, sellers of ready T.T. quoting 1s. 6-7/64d. and buyers 1s. 6-9/64d., occasional business being transacted at the middle rate. There was a small showing of merchandise export bills and tenders to Government amounted to £830,000 at 1s. 6-1/8d. which were accepted in full.

The foreign exchange market in London was featureless during the major part of the week, but towards the close Fr. francs weakened owing to riots in Paris and fear of a revival of Labour troubles. The London/Paris rate opened at frs. 106.56 and gradually declined to frs. 106.39 mid-week. On Wednesday, however, the rate advanced to frs. 106.59, but closed at frs. 106.45. The London/New York cross rate after moving between Dol. 4.88-7/16 and Dol. 4.88-3/4, closed at Dol. 4.88-11/16. The belga and the guilder fluctuated between 29.01-1/2 and 28.98-3/4 and 8.94-5/16 and 8.93-5/8 respectively. The Italian lira was quoted at 92.86. Among the Eastern exchanges, the Shanghai dollar was steady at 1s. 2-5/8d. and the yen at 1s. 2-1/32d.

GOLD

Fluctuations in the price of gold were in consance with the movements in sterling/dollar cross rate. The quotation for ready ranged between Rs. 35-4-6 and Rs. 35-3-6 and closed at Rs. 35/3/9. Fresh business for export was limited owing to paucity of supplies, stocks on hand amounting to about 50,000 tolas. The daily arrivals average about 12,000 tolas while the offtake is unchanged at 2,000 tolas a day. Last week's shipment per s.s. 'Chitral' was worth Rs. 22.72 lakhs. In London the price of gold moved within a range of 2d. between 142s. 5-1/2d. and 142s. 3-1/2d. The highest and lowest rates in the local market were Rs. 35-4-6 and Rs. 35-3-6 for ready. March 29 settlement and April 27 settlement. Total imports during the week amounted to Rs. 69,576 in bar and coin. The price of spot sovereigns was steady around Rs. 22-7-3.

SILVER

The silver market was steadier during the early part on speculative buying influenced by firmer raw cotton coupled with buoyant tone in the share market. The rate for ready gradually advanced from Rs. 53 to Rs. 54. At the higher level profit-taking operations were in evidence and the price declined to Rs. 53-3. Demand from up-country centres is declining and the offtake averages only 40 bars a day as against 125 bars last week. Stocks on hand are estimated at about 35,000 bars. The week's imports amounted to about 47 bars from Adelaide. Coins worth Rs. 20,426 were also imported. The highest and lowest rates in London were 20-15/16d. and 20-11/16d. for spot and two months forward. Those in the local market were Rs. 54 and Rs. 52-13 for ready, Rs. 51-13 and Rs. 50-10 for April 1 settlement and Rs. 52 and Rs. 50-13 for April 30 settlement.

SHARES.

Bullish sentiment dominated the stock market during the period under review, prices advancing sharply all-round. In most cases new record levels were reached. Tata Steels, as usual, attracted most attention. Deferreds on feverish speculative buying soared to as high as Rs. 2,280, a rise of about 415 points over the previous closing rate, and Ordinaries likewise jumped to Rs. 450, gaining about 60 points. Towards the close the market reacted on profit-taking, the rates declined to Rs. 2,175 for Defds. and Rs. 420 for Ordys. Another bright spot of the week's trading was the Cotton Mill group. Bombay Dyeings which were neglected around Rs. 985 came in for hectic buying and the rate advanced to Rs. 1,110. Centurys gained about 20 points. Central Indias about 80 points. Kohinoors about 25 points and New Greats about 45 points. On profit-taking, however, the rates declined. Bombay Dyeings to Rs. 1,072-8, Centurys to Rs. 235, Central Indias to Rs. 357-8, Kohinoors to Rs. 332-8 and New Greats to Rs. 255. Hydro-Electrics were quietly steady. Andhra Valleys after advancing from Rs. 1,707-8 to Rs. 1,715 declined and closed at Rs. 1,700. Tata Powers were maintained around Rs. 1,515 and Tata Hydros at Rs. 182-8. Among Bank and Railway shares, Central Banks changed hands at Rs. 34-8 and Reserve Banks at Rs. 128-12. Imperial fully-paids were steady at Rs. 1,510 and Contributories at Rs. 371-4. Ahd. Prantej shares were on offer at Rs. 895 and Tapti Valleys were done at Rs. 765. The Cement group in sympathy with other sections moved up. Bundis to Rs. 46-4; Indian Cements to Rs. 618-12 and Shahabads to Rs. 603-12. On profit-taking, however, the rates declined: Bundis to Rs. 46; Indian Cements to Rs. 607-8 and Shahabads to Rs. 595. In the Miscellaneous section, Bombay Burmas and Alcock Ashdowns were outstanding, the former shot up to Rs. 838-12 and the latter to Rs. 465. The rates, however, eased to Rs. 830 and Rs. 431-4 respectively. Towards the close in sympathy with other sections. Scindia Steams were done up to Rs. 29-8, but declined to Rs. 28-8 at the end.

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

The Reserve Bank of India statement for the week ended March 12 1937, showed a decline of Rs. 3.16 lakhs in the total notes issued against an equal decrease in Rupee coin. Notes in circulation had risen by Rs. 38.26 lakhs while those held in the Banking Department had decreased by Rs. 41.42 lakhs. Sterling securities and Rupee securities were unchanged at Rs. 77.31 crores and Rs. 61.84 crores respectively. The ratio of gold and sterling to liabilities fell by .009 per cent. to 58.54 per cent. Government Deposits, which include £32,100 held in London, on account of the High Commissioner, converted at 1s. 6d. to the rupee, rose by Rs. 114.56 lakhs whereas Banks' Deposits fell by Rs. 38.09 lakhs. Balances held abroad were up by Rs. 94.45 lakhs. Investments and Other Assets recorded an increase of Rs. 6.01 lakhs and Rs. 18.13 lakhs respectively. The Bank rate is unchanged at 3 per cent.

IMPERIAL BANK STATEMENT.

The Imperial Bank of India statement as on March 12, 1937, shows an increase of Rs. 93.01 lakhs in the total cash balance of the bank which now stands at Rs. 15.17 crores. Security portfolio has declined by Rs. 67.38 lakhs. Loans and Cash Credits have risen by Rs. 34.84 lakhs and Rs. 5.93 lakhs respectively. Bills Discounted are down by Rs. 32.49 lakhs. Deposits on all accounts show an increase of Rs. 32.87 lakhs during the week. It is understood that the Imperial Bank of India advance rate is unchanged at 3 per cent.

WALL STREET MARKET

New York, March 18

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars.
Amr Water Works Com	24
Ame Power and Light Com	13
Ame Power and Light Pfd 5 per cent A	58
Electric Power and Light	22
Electric P and Light 7 per cent Pfd	81
United Corporation	7
Western Union Telg xd	73 3/4
Baltimore and Ohio Rly	17
Chesapeake and Ohio Rly	63
Canadian Pacific Rly	15
Great North Pfd Rly	51
New York Central Rly	52
Pennsylvania Rly	47
Southern Pacific Rly	62
Union Pacific Rly	145
Amr Rolling Mills	39
N Y N Hartford H R R	13
Brazilians Traction	26
Bethelehem Steel	95
Republican Steel	42
United States Steel	117 1/2
Pittsburgh Screw and Bolt	18
Amr Car Foundry	64 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	64 1/4
Int Nickel of Canada	69 1/4
Chrysler	126
Ford Motors of Canada A	15
General Motors	62 3/4
General Electric	56 1/4
Kelvinator	22
American Radiator	26
Consolidated Oil	16
St Oil of N J	71
Socony	18 1/2
Chase Bank	59
National City Bank	55
Sun Life of Canada	700
Crucible Steel	74
National Steel	86
Youngstown Sheet	92
U S Smelting	56

Further selling on unfavourable strike news. We hopeful of somewhat better market during the day i.e. Friday. We think favourably of United States Smelting at 96. Brokers loan for the week down 11 million dollar.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, March 18

Broach A/M 1937 opening 250 3/4; highest 252; lowest 249; closing 252

Broach J/A opening 257 1/4; highest 257 3/4; lowest 255; closing 257 3/4

Oomra March opening 237 1/2; highest 238 3/4; lowest 236 1/4; closing 238 3/4

Oomra May opening 235 3/4; highest 236 1/4; lowest 233 3/4; closing 236 1/4

Oomra July opening 236 1/4; highest 237 3/4; lowest 235; closing 237 3/4

Bengal March opening 199 1/2; highest 201; lowest 198; closing 201

Bengal May opening 200 1/4; highest 202; lowest 199; closing 202

Tejimandi for Broach A/M settlement (21-3-37) Rs. 3 1/2

Tejimandi for Broach A/M (31-3-37) Rs. 8 1/2

Tejimandi for Broach J/A (21-4-37) Rs. 14 1/2

Tejimandi for Broach J/A (30-6-37) Rs. 25

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

New York Liverpool: May 175 July 191 at cross rate 4.88 23/32

Bombay Liverpool: Broach A/M 1937 248; Liverpool May 7.80 Rs. 91 3/4 at exchange 1/6

Bombay Liverpool: Broach J/A 1937 253/12 Liverpool July 7.81 Rs. 86 1/4 at exchange 1/6

Bombay New York: Broach A/M 1937 248 New York May 14.13 Rs. 73 1/2 at cross rate 4.88 23/32

Bombay New York: Broach J/A 1937 253/12 New York July 13.99 Rs. 64 1/2 at cross rate 4.88 23/32

LONDON SILVER REVIEW

London, March 17.

"Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., state that with the market sensitive owing to smallness of supplies buying by the Indian Bazars caused a steady rise during the week. Sales were made on China account and there has been speculative reselling. Although offerings tended to improve with the advancing rates, the present level did not attract selling of any volume. The tone therefore appears to be good; but interest at present is largely of a speculative nature and makes for some uncertainty."—Reuter.

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

F.P. Bales	1936-37	1935-36
Receipts to date 18-3-37	6040000	6435000
Receipts Yesterday 18-3-37	5000	16000
Exports to date 18-3-37	4440000	4871000
Stock at Ports 12-3-37	2002000	2253000
Stock at Interior Towns 12-3-37	1742000	2012000
Stock at Liverpool 12-3-37	941000	735000
Visible Supply 12-3-37	5381000	5764000
Quantity in sight 12-3-37	11370000	10976000
Quantity out of sight 12-3-37	9241000	83180000

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

London, March 18.

	£ This week.
Total Bullion	314,600,000
Public Deposits	22,800,000
(A) Other deposits	131,200,000
Government Securities	94,900,000
(B) Other securities	26,700,000
Notes and coin	50,800,000
Notes in circulation	463,800,000
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	32.97 p.c.
(A) Other deposits include bankers	94,000,000
(B) Other securities include discounts and advances	3,800,000

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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON 23 POINTS DOWN

Silver And Wheat Easy But Gold Steady

BOMBAY, March 19.

On Friday crossrates ruled quiet.
NEW YORK COTTON WEAK.
New York cotton was weak on general liquidation.
SILVER EASY.
London gold was steady but silver was easy.
WHEAT QUIET.
Wheat was quiet on profit-taking. Base metals were easy.
SECURITIES STEADIER.
The London Stock Exchange was quiet but steady with very little doing. Giltedged securities were steadier on better request.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MAY 1937
New York, March 19.

Previous closing	13.13
To-day's opening	13.96
Difference	—17
To-day's closing	13.90
Difference	—.23

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MAY 1937
Liverpool, March 19.

Previous closing	7.84
To-day's opening	7.79
Difference	—05
To-day's closing	7.70
Difference	plus 14

BROACH EXPECTATION
April May ..... Rs. 242

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, March 19.

Cotton developed considerable weakness to-day as a result of easiness of Liverpool together with lower Bombay cables and fears of increase in the acreage but the fall was to some extent checked by firmness of the spot situation meanwhile the announcement with regard to loan releases in April is awaited.

Trading in May commenced at 13.96 i.e. 17 points lower than previous closing. Prices declined on lower Liverpool cables and domestic and foreign selling but subsequently the market partially rallied on some trade buying with May recovering to 14.00 with a fairly steady tendency.

New York cotton finally closed at 13.90 with a decline of 23 points for May delivery.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 19.

The following were the opening ranges:—
May (14.32/14.31) 13.96/13.95
July (14.16/14.15) 13.82/13.80
October (13.52/13.51) 13.28/13.24

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, March 19.

The following were the rates at 12-15 p.m.:—
American March (7.84) 7.68
American May (7.86) 7.74
Egyptian March (11.95) 11.75
Egyptian May (12.15) 12.05

BROACH COTTON

Bombay, March 19.

Broach cotton for April May delivery moved between Rs. 243-8 and Rs. 245 at night. The rate at 10-0 p.m. was Rs. 244-4

LONDON MARKETS

London, March 19.

The rates at 3-30 p.m were as follows:—

TEA
Indian Pekoe (1-2) 1-2
Indian Pekoe higher (1-5 1/2) 1-5 1/2
Ceylon Pekoe (1-2) 1-2
Ceylon Pekoe higher (2-3) 2-3

JUTE
New Crop March April (£19 7/8 sellers) £19 3/8 value
Dunlop March (£22 1/4) £23 sellers.
Lightning March (£20 3/4) £21 sellers

RUBBER
Spot (12 9/16 buyers) 12 1/2 buyers
Forward April June (12 5/8 paid and buyers) 12 1/2 paid and buyers.

LINSEED
Castorseed Bombay March April (£14 3/8 sellers) £14 3/8 sellers
Linseed Calcutta April (£14 1/2 sellers) £14 7/16 sellers.
Linseed La Plata March (£12 1/2 sellers) £12 9/16 sellers
Groundnuts Coromandal April (£15 9/16 sellers) £15 3/8 sellers.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, March 19.

Chicago wheat opened quiet with July at 1.23 1/4 and then eased further to 1.23 1/8 on commission house liquidation and outside selling owing to lower foreign cables.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, March 19.

Liverpool wheat opened firm with May at 113 7/8 and July 115 1/4. The market diplayed considerable strength to-day following better overseas cables influenced by continued good sales of Australian wheat goes to the United Kingdom but later some fair amount of profit-taking developed causing a partial decline.

BROWN BOLD LINSEED
(Through Bombay Grains and Seeds' Association.)
Delivery May 1937
Bombay, March 19.

	Rs. a. p.
Rates at 11-0 a.m.	8 1 6
Rates at 12-0 noon	8 1 9
Rates at 3-0 p.m.	8 2 6
Rates at 5-0 p.m.	8 2 3

EXCHANGES

LONDON-NEW YORK CROSS RATES

Latest Quotations

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, March 19.

Previous closing	4.88 23/32
To-day's opening	4.88 5/8
To-day's closing	4.88 7/16

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, March 19.

Previous closing	4.88 11/16
To-day's opening	4.88.75
To-day's closing	4.88 19/32

FRANC RATE
London, March 19.

Previous closing	106.45
To-day's opening	106.42
To-day's closing	106.42
Difference	—.03

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 19.

London exchanges opened with the sterling dollar at 4.88.75 and then eased to 4.88.61 on lack of support but later developed somewhat steadier tendency.

The sterling dollar crossrate closed at 4.88 19/32

Franc opened at 106.42 and then eased slightly to 106.43 with no further movements.

The sterling franc crossrate closed at 106.42

CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1-6 1/8) 1-6 1/8
Paris on Bombay (8.039) 8.032
New York on Bombay (36.92) 36-92
Berlin on Bombay (0.91 3/4) 0.91 3/4
London on Milan (92.81) 92.82
London on Shanghai (1-2 21/32) 1-2 21/32
London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

DISCOUNTS
3 months (9/16 to 9/16 per cent) 9/16 to 9/16 per cent
4 months (9/16 to 5/8 per cent) 9/16 to 5/8 per cent
6 months (5/8 to 11/16 per cent) 5/8 to 11/16 per cent

LONDON METALS
To-day's opening rates were as follows:—
Tin (£300 1/2 buyers £301 sellers. Firm) £297 buyers £298 sellers. Easy.
Lead (£33 sellers. Steady) unquoted.
Electrolytic Copper (£77 1/2 to £79 1/2) £77 to £79
Glasgow Iron (£87) £87

SILVER CABLES

Bombay, March 19.

The following cable information was received here from London to-night.
"Small support. Little China and Speculators sellers.

LONDON SILVER

	London, March 19. Previous closing Prices	To-day's Prices.
Spot	20 7/8d.	20 3/4d.
Forward	20 7/8d.	20 3/4d.

LONDON GOLD
London, March 19.
Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-2-4) £7-2-4 1/2

BOMBAY BULLION

Bombay, March 19.
10-0 p.m.

	Rs. a. p.
Silver ready	53 6 0
Silver 1st settlement	51 3 0
Silver 2nd settlement	51 6 0
Gold ready	35 3 9
Gold 1st settlement	35 3 6
Gold 2nd settlement	35 3 6
Sovereigns	22 6 6

WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotations

Bombay, March 19.

	Rs. a. p.
Wheat May	5 11 9
Wheat September	5 11 6
Linseed May	8 2 3
Linseed September	8 6 3

The tone was steady.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Closing Quotation

Liverpool, March 19.

Liverpool Wheat March closed at 110 1/4 as against the previous closing at 111 3/8

KARACHI MARKET

Karachi, March 19.

To-day's closing quotations:
Sind cotton March 25/0/9, May 24/10/9
Panjab March 20/6/9, May 20/8/3.
Desi American March 25/12, May 25/14/6 tone of market weak.
Wheat March 32/10/6, July 30/14/9 dull.
Toria March 46/15, May 41/3, July 41/14/6.
Gram July 21/13/3.
Cottonseed March 17/5, May 17/11, July 18/1/6

3½ P. C. GOVT. PAPER

Closing Quotation

Bombay, March 19.

The 3 1/2 per cent Govt. Paper was quoted Rs. 93-13-6 at 2 p.m. The closing quotation at 5 p.m. was Rs. 94-0-0

Fluctuations during the sessions were as follows:—

	Rs. a. p.
Opening	93 15 0
Highest	94 3 0
Lowest	93 13/0
Closing	94 0 0

INDIAN STERLING LOAN

London, March 19.

The 3 1/2 p. c. Indian Sterling Loan closed at £89 as against the previous closing at £88 1/2

INDIAN LOANS

London, March 19.
3-30 p.m.

3 per cent New Indian Loan (£97 3/4) £97 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Loan (£88 3/4) £89 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (1950-55) (£110 3/4) £111 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£113 1/4) £113 1/4
4 per cent Indian 1948-53 (£105 3/4) £105 3/4
5 per cent Indian 1942-47 (£112 1/2) £112 1/2
3 1/2 per cent New Indian 1954-59 £101 3/4) £101 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
3 per cent Australian Loan 1945-70 (£108 1/2) £108 7/8

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent Consols (£76 3/8) £76 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Government Loan (£101) £101
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£107 1/8) £107 1/4
5 per cent Funding Loan (£112) £111 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£102 1/4) £102 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£109 1/4) £109 1/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 19.
3-30 p.m.

Markets generally were quiet and price movements were rather irregular. Home industrials after being firmer but later now easier. Oil shares and copper shares were dull. Rubber shares were undecided.

INDUSTRIALS
British Celanese Second Preference (18-3) 18-3
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (80-0) 82-6
Hydro Electric (10-10 1/2) 10-0
Musical Industries (23-6) 23-6
Princhin Johnson (47-6) 47-6
Imperial Chemical (39-6) 39-6
Woolsworth Ordinary (78-9) 78-9
Realisation 1930 (99-0) 99-0
Dunlop Rubber (36-4 1/2) 36-0
Unilever Ordinary (42-9) 42-9
Ford Motors (32-6) 32-6
Cables and Wireless (£9 1/8) £9 1/8
British American Tobacco (123-9) 123-1 1/2
Carreas A (£8) £8 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (151-3) 151-10 1/2
P and O S N Company Deferred (33-0) 33-0
Distillers (114-6) 113-9
Bredfords Dyers (£10 5/8) £10 5/8
British Celanese (£9 1/2) £9 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (50-0) 50-0
Courtaulds Ordinary (52-9) 52-9
Fine Cotton Spinners (11-4 1/2) 11-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (33-9) 33-9
Inter Nickels (72-3) 69-9
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (77-6) 81-3
Tata Iron and Steel (£105) £105

TEA SHARES
Assam Company (20-0) 19-6
Donaro Tea (50-0) 50-0
Empire of India (31-3) 31-3

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo Dutch Rubber (49-6) 49-6
Gula Kelampong (64-4 1/2) 63-9
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (47-9) 47-9

JUTE SHARES
Barnagore (£10 1/2) £10 1/2
MINING SHARES
Nandydrug (60-0) 60-0
Burma Corporation (22-7 1/2) 22-7 1/2
Rio Tintos (£30 1/4) £27 1/2
East Rand Proprietors (76-1 1/2) 76-0
Rand Mines (£8) £8
MINE SHARES
Crown Mines (£14 3/8) £14 3/8
Gedule New (£9 1/2) £9 1/2
New Modders (£30) £30 5/8
Sub Nigel (£11 3/4) £11 3/4
Spring Mines Split Shares (37-6) 37-6
Union Corporation (£10 3/8) £10 3/8
OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian (61-10 1/2) 60-7 1/2
Anglo Iranian (122-6) 121-3
Burma Oil (115-0) 112-6
Musical Eagle (23-7 1/2) 22-0
Shell Transport (137 1/2) 135 5/8
Royal Dutch (£48 1/8) £46 7/8
HUME RAIL SHARES
Great Western (£57 1/4) £58
L and S Ordinary (£29) £29 1/2
L N E R Defd (£5) £5
Southern Paris 5 per cent (£22 7/8) £23 1/2
London Paris 5 per cent (£124 1/2) £124 1/2
London Transport 'C' Stock (£90) £90

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 19.

The following were to-day's opening rates.
General Motors (dol 64) dol 62 1/2
N Copper Mining (dol 65 1/2) dol 65 1/2
U S Steel Common (dol 120 3/4) dol 116 1/2
U S Steel Preference (dol 147 1/2) unquoted.

INDIAN IRON SHARES STRONG

Wall Street Easy

LONDON, March 19.

On the Stock Exchange internationals, oils and copper eased under Wall Street influences but selective industrials and homerails were firm rubbers were irregular. Tins encountered good support. Indian irons were strong rising from 77/6 to 83/1.

In commodities cotton, rubber, wheat and basemetals were all lower owing to profit-taking and lack of support.

Wall Street opened easy.

AHMEDABAD SHARE BAZAR

Ahmedabad, March 19.

Closing quotations of Ahmedabad share bazar of March 19 were as follows:
Ashok 236
Aryodaya spinning 223/12
Calico 596/4
Gujarat cotton 27/8
Jubili 180
Marsdan 77/8
Motilal Hirabhai 56/14
Monograme 49/6
Rajanagar 330.

JUTE SHARES FIRMER

Coals Easier

CALCUTTA, March 19.

Jutes ruled firm but not much business passing. Coals continued dull and easier undertone in teas continued steady but trading was rather limited. In miscellaneous almost all engineerings were in strong request, important being Indian iron and steels which moved up from 54/8 to 56/8 and large turnover resulted. Minings and coppers kept more or less unchanged. Other interesting features are B. I. Corporation ord., Midnapore zemindary and Britannia biscuits. Government securities were steady.

Securities:—Two and threefourth per cent loan 1948/52 99/1, three and a half per cent Government paper 93/13, Three and a half per cent loan 1947/50 105/2 small lot, four per cent loan 1960/70 111/6 small lot, five per cent loan 1945/55 118/14 small lot, three per cent U. P. bonds 1961/66 90/14 small lot.

Banks:—Imperial fully paid 1508, Reserve 128/8.

Railways:—Hoshiarpur Doab 97/8, Sara Serajganj 97/8.

Cottons:—Bowreah ord 295 small lot, Bowreah B pref 68 small lot, Elgin mills ord. 136 small lot, Kesoram 6/6, New Victoria ord 1/11, New Victoria pref 4/10.

Coals.—Amalgamated 27/8, Bengal 325 small lot, Bhalgora 3/14 small lot, Bokaro and Ramgur 18/6, ex div, Burrakur 17/7, Churulia 2/8, Deoli 7/1, Dhemo Main 9/9, Equitable New 35/4, Equitable Old 36/12. Gopalichuck in liquidation annas four, Khas Kajora 11/7.

Jutes:—Anglo India 400, Auckland 193, Bally 204, Belvedere 396, Barnagore 148, Birla 20/4, small lot, Caledonian 438, Craig 1/11, Cheviot 190, Clive 27/12, Detta 403, Fort Gloster 533/8, Gourepore 657, Howrah 55, Hukumchand 11/14, India 375, Kilvin pref 150 ex div, Megna 35, National 24, Nuddea 49/8, Orient 180, Presidency 4/14, Reliance 74/12.

Miscellaneous:—Burma Corporation 15/10, Consolidated tin 10/8, Indian copper 5, Rhodesia copper 4/13, Karanpura development 18/4, Agra electric 157, Bengal telephone ord 21/12, Shahjahanpur electric 10/14, Rawalpindi electric 21/12; Burn and Co. ord. 372, Indian Galvanizing 26/10, Hukumchand electric 15/9, Indian iron and steel 56/8, Indian Standard Wagon ord 88, Kumardhubi Engineering ord. 6/2 small odd lot, Kumardhubi Engineering pref 142, Indian steel and wire products ord 601, Indian steel and wire products defd 503 small lot, National iron and steel 2 premium, B. I. Corporation ord 5 cum div, Britannia biscuits 10/4, Dunlop rubber ord 29/12, Indian wood products 30/12, British Burma petroleum 8, Midnapore zemindary 112, Indian General Navigation 141 small lots.

Rubbers:—Digwarrah 19/8, Kluang 1/15, Kempas 3.27 1/2.

Sugars:—Balrampore 13/2, Champaran 16/6.

Teas:—Kornapuli 16/10, Gungaram 820, Rajnagar 11.

Debentures:—Three and a quarter per cent 1956/66, Howrah Bridge 100/4, five and a half per cent 1915/42, Chowringhee property 102/4, five and a half per cent 1915/30/40, Dalhousie property 102/4.—A. P.

MODERN MILLS LTD.

Shareholders' Meeting

The third ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Modern Mills, Ltd., was held at its office, Temple Bar Building, Forbes Street, on Friday afternoon. Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar presided.

In his report, the Chairman stated that the result of the Company's operations in the year ending 31st October, 1936 showed a loss of Rs. 9,500. The alterations and improvements in the weaving shed of the Mill at Mahaluxmi were nearing completion, and it was expected that the looms would be put into working in about six months. The Company, he stated, had donated Rs. 100 for King George V Memorial Fund and a similar sum for Cama Hospital Jubilee Fund.

In the vacancies caused by the death of Sir Lalubhai Samaldas and Mr. A. M. Kajiji, Mr. Jyotendra L. Mehta and Mr. M. N. Pochkhanawalla were nominated as Directors. Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar was appointed as a Special Director of the Company.

The property and stocks at the Mills at Parel were insured for the sum of Rs. 34,10,000.

BOMBAY YARN MARKET

Prices Firm But Demand Slack

Bombay, March 17.

The Yarn Market has remained firm and fairly active throughout the whole past week and prices have improved to the extent of 1/8 of an anna per lb. in Indian yarns in sympathy with continued sharp rise in cotton prices. Demand from consuming centres has yet been very slack so far as the Indian yarns are concerned and whilst consumers have naturally been quoting higher prices buyers are yet unwilling to make purchases on any big scale. Only a limited turnover has therefore taken place in the market during the whole week and most of these consist of speculative purchases by the dealers with a view to liquidate the same at higher limits. Some improvement in prices has of course been reported from the consuming centres but higher prices checked the consumers' demand to a large extent and turnover reported from almost all consuming districts is very restricted. In case of foreign yarns, however, particularly in Japanese yarns prices have shown further improvement to the extent of quarter of an anna both in ready as well as forward deliveries and turnover has been comparatively much better. On the whole the undertone has remained very steady in all kinds of yarns and if cotton shows further improvement prices of yarns are bound to improve further. The future tendency, therefore, remains very hopeful.

ENGLISH YARNS
Manchester business is practically out of sight at present inasmuch as the Manchester prices are almost prohibitive. Naturally, therefore, Japanese and Shanghai yarns have been selling in place of Manchester yarns. In the present circumstances no forward business with Manchester yarns is possible.

JAPANESE & SHANGHAI YARNS
There has been further rise in Sampin quotations from Japan as a result of continued advance in cotton prices during the whole past week. In Japanese yarns particularly in Mercerised yarns there has been a further advance in prices to the extent of Rs. 10 per case and a good deal of speculative turnover has taken place during the week. In single yarns as well as twofold yarns grey and bleached, prices have been gradually improving. Arrivals are very limited and in some qualities scarcity is being increasingly felt both by the dealers as well as by the consumers. Demand from important consuming centres has been gradually improving but buyers have been naturally hesitating to make purchases in large quantities on account of the higher prices. Fresh forward business has been very negligible on account of much higher prices quoted by the Japanese as well as Shanghai Spinners. The future tendency is distinctly hopeful.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS
There has been no change in Syndicate prices during the week. Limited arrivals have taken place during the week of several Italian yarns both in Lustred as well as Delustred qualities, but the quantity is very small and mostly consists of odd deniers. In case of Japanese yarns there has been a sharp improvement in prices both for ready as well as for forward deliveries owing to improved demand from consuming centres, limited stocks and small arrivals. The Japanese Spinners have raised their prices in sympathy with general morld-wide improvement in prices of other commodities and have been showing firmer attitude. Most of them have been quoting very distant shipments particularly in 150 dens, which go to show that their sales position has considerably improved. There has been a good turnover in the local market and prices have improved to the extent of quarter of an anna per lb. all round. Stocks of Delustred yarns in consuming districts have considerably fallen off with the result that prices have shown further improvement to the extent of half an anna per lb. and even at higher rates business has been possible. The future outlook is distinctly hopeful.

INDIAN YARNS
In spite of a big rise in cotton during the last few days our Mills have not been able to make sales of importance owing to very restricted demand from consuming centres and also due toapathetic attitude shown by the dealers. It is very unfortunate that the Indian mills have not been able to take any advantage as yet of such a sharp rise in cotton and have not been able to make sales of their yarns or cloth at anything like satisfactory prices. Looking to the low stock of Indian yarns in almost all consuming districts it is very likely that the demand might show some improvement in the next few days.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

A Press Communique states:

Consolidated statement of the position of the Banks scheduled to the Reserve Bank of India Act, as at the close of business on Friday, the 12th March 1937.

(i) Demand Liabilities in India	132,09,72,000
(ii) Time Liabilities in India	104,45,95,000
(iii) Cash in India—	
(a) Notes	5,51,16,000
(b) Rupees	47,59,000
(c) Subsidiary Coin	19,87,000
(iv) Balances with Reserve Bank in India	22,01,88,000
(v) Advances in India	114,51,17,000
(vi) Bills discounted in India	7,62,66,000

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98 cases tyres; 342 cks coal pitch; 100 bales newspapers; 185 bds steel bars; 100 bags fire clay; 625 bds g c sheets.

From Swansea: 64 bds steel plates; 1025 bds b steel sheets; 2197 bds g c sheets; 658 bds. y m sheets; 1975 bds. copper sheets; 1083 bxs tin plates

From New Port: 285 bds tin plates; 244 bds tubes; 2342 bds b s sheets; 48 bds tyres; 80 dms paint; 30 dms linseed oil; 100 dms chemical.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS
Bombay, March 19.

Scindia Steam ss Silkworth of 2961 reg tons Capt J A Gemmell arrived on 18th inst. from Bassein via Rangoon, Colombo, Tuticorin, Trivandrum, Cochin, Ponani, Calicut, Badagra. Tellicherry and Cannanore with general cargo.

L Triestino ss Alberto Treves of 3289 reg tons Capt E Meles arrived on 18th inst. from Genoa via Liverno, Naples, Palermo, Catania, Port Said, Suez Massowa Djibouti and Karachi with general cargo.

L Triestino ss Sovoia of 3417 reg tons Capt S Gaetani arrived on 18th inst. from Trieste via Venice, Fieume, Brindisi, Naples, Port Said, Suez and Massowa with general cargo.

B I S N H M T Dilevara of 6572 reg tons Capt A G Kitson arrived from Singapore via Colombo with Military Officers Troops and Govt. Stores.

DEPARTURES.

Graham's Trading ss Elysia of 4211 reg tons Capt J Dunlop sailed for Karachi, Marseilles and Liverpool with local cargo.

N Y K ss Calcutta Maru of 3214 reg tons Capt K Toriumi sailed for Kobe via Penang Singapore and Hongkong with local and same bottom cargo.

O S K ss Koshin Maru of 4432 reg tons Capt T Horie sailed for Karachi with local and same bottom cargo.

L Triestino ss Alberto Treves of 3209 reg tons Capt E Melis sailed for Saigon via Singapore in ballast.

Oil Seed Trdg. Coy's ss Pagasitikos of 2146 reg tons Capt M Palockrasso sailed for Port Said for orders with local cargo.

B I S N ss Warfield of 3805 reg tons Capt C A Vaughan sailed for Antwerp via Aden with local and same bottom cargo.

LOADING

The following steamer booked for Loading on.

S S Pres Hayes (F F) American Ports via Suez, Port Said, Naples and Geneva

Vessels In Docks

Bombay, March 19.

ALEXANDRA DOCK
2 Koshin Maru 4432 Karachi 19-3 OSK
3 Wartenfels 3766 Karachi 25-3 L Edwards.
4 Tuscania 10016 Liverpool 25-3 Grahams Trading.
5 Mirzapore 4135 Karachi N F M M
6 Elysia 4211 Karachi 19-3 Grahams Trading.
7 City of Simla 5955 Karachi 21-3 J Finlay.
11 Tokiwa Maru 4291 Karachi 25-3 NYK
13 Marin Sanudo 3139 Trieste N F L Triestino
14 Alberto Treves 3209 Singapore 19-3 L Triestino
15 Warfield 3805 Antwerp 19-3 M M
VICTORIA DOCK
3 Vita 1955 Karachi 20-3 M M
5 Oostcappelle 348 Karachi 19-3 Merchant S N
6 Pagasitikos 2146 Perim 19-3 Oilseeds Trading
9 Calcutta Maru 3214 Yokohama 19-3 N Y K
10-11 Savoia 3417 Busrah 20-3 S Hussum
15 Hashami 298 Malabar Coast 19-3 S Hassum
PRINCES DOCK
D/F Garmula 3234 Akyab 20-3 M M
H Lalita 283 M Coast 19-3 Malabar Steamship
N/C Silksworth 2961 Tuticorin 21-3 Scindia

STEAMERS EXPECTED
FROM LONDON
Narkunda 25-3-37 P & O
Rawalpindi 15-4-47 P & O
Kaisar-I-Hind 8-4-37 P & O
Strathmore 22-4-37 P and O
Somali 26-3-37 P and O
FROM LIVERPOOL
City of Venice 27-3-37 K Nixon
Clan Morison 21-3-37 James Finlay
California 31-3-37 Graham's Trading.
FROM HULL
City of Licester 30-3 J Finlay
FROM GERMANY
Trentenfels 30-3 L Edward
FROM NEW YORK
Leavernbank 22-3 F F Campbell
Pres. Hayes 23-3 F F Campbell
Pres Manroe 1-4-37 F F
FROM TRIESTE
Arabia 23-3-37 Triestino
Conte Rosso 30-3 L Triestino
FROM OSLO
Agra 18-3-37 L Edward
Rinda 31-3 L Edward
Anyo Maru 30-3-37 N Y K
Toyama Maru 15-4-37 N Y K
Naples Maru 8-4-37 O S K
Taijin Maru 8-4-37 O S K
FROM CHINA AND JAPAN
Kofuku Maru 26-3 N Y K
Buyo Maru 22-3 OS K
Conte Verde 25-3-37 L Triestino
Borneo Maru 26-3 O S K
Naldera 19-3-37 P & O
FROM SYDNEY
Maloja 27-3 P and O
FROM BASSEIN
Hatimura 29-3 M M
Birk 18-3-37 Scindia
Jalbala 19-3 Scindia
Jalamohan 29-3-37 Scindia
Jalveera 29-3-37 Scindia
FROM BASRA
Vasna 27-3-37 M M
Baroda 25-3-37 M M
FROM MOULMEIN
Garmula 21-3-37 M M
FROM JEDDAH
Rizwani 19-3-37 T M
FROM DURBAN
Tairea 20-3-37 M M
FROM CALCUTTA
Gogra 20-3 M M
Homefield 19-3 M M
FROM KARACHI
Vita 25-3-37 M M
SAILING DATES
FOR LONDON
Maloja 27-3-37 P and O
Naldera 20-3 P & O
Strathnaver 10-4-37 P &O
Viceroy of India 3-4-37 P & O
Ranchi 17-4-37 P & O
FOR LIVERPOOL
Elysia 31-3-37 Grahams Trading Co.
City of Canterbury 22-3-37 K N
Tascania 25-3-37 G Trading.
California 8-4-37 Grahams Trdg.
City of Simla 5-4-37 Killick
FOR TRIESTE
Conte Verde 25-3 L Triestino
FOR NEW YORK
Pres Hayes 24-3-37 F F Campbell
Levern Bank 24-3-37 F F Campbell
FOR CHINA AND JAPAN
Tokiwa Maru 21-3-37 N Y K
Calcutta Maru 23-3-37 N Y K
Kashia Maru 25-3-37 O S K
Kofuku Maru 31-3-37 N
Conte Rosso 30-3-37 L
Somali 29-3 P and O
Anyo Maru 10-4-37 N Y
Toyama Maru 18-4-37 NK
Naples Maru 15-4-37 O S
Taijin Maru 23-4-37 O S
Borneo Maru 10-4-37 O
FOR SYDNE
Narkunda 25-3-37 P &
FOR BASR
Bamora 24-3-37 M M
Varela 25-3-37 M M
FOR KARACH
Vita 20-3-37 M M
Kendelfels 20-3-37 L Edis
Tokiwa Maru 21-3-37 N
FOR DURBAN
Tairea 31-3-37 M M
Karanja 14-4-37 M M
FOR CALCUT
Rizwani 20-3 T M

S S Sophie Marie 13-3-
S S Hashemi 18-3-37
S S Netrevati 18-3-37
S S Dayavati 18-3-37
S S Irrawadi 19-3-37
GENERAL LANDINGTES

EXPORTS.

Bombayrch 19.

S S Warfield for Antwe225 bales hemp raw K J Kapadia.

S S Wartenfels for Harg: 307 bales cotton waste M Ciulal; 150 bales cotton waste G M V 812 bales cotton fly Sapt Textile pcts; 52 bales cotton fly N D Kail 55 bales cotton raw R B C Ramsup; 440 bales cotton raw F G Gar 55 bales cotton raw Universal Cotffdg.

S S Wartenfels for Antw 156 bags buffalo pickers J Kasamb 60 bags gum ghatty E Mauji.

For Gydnia: 110 bales on raw Volkart Bros.

For Bremen: 71 bales on waste C Jairam.

For Rotterdam: 55 bales on waste M Chandulal; 25 bales cotraw Patel Cotton

For New York: 85 bales rags C Jairam.

For Gothenburg: 55 bales on waste M Chandulal; 20 bales cotwaste C Jairam.

For Riga: 12 bales cottoaste M Chandulal.

For Islambul: 50 bales on yarn Sassoon G David.

For Yomegusta: 45 bales on yarn Sassoon G David..

S S President Hayes for New York: 261 bags dill seed D Abrahaad Sons; 116 bags seasome seed D Aam and Sons; 270 bags flea seed D Aam and Sons; 300 cases walnuts braham and Sons; 15 bales animalms D Abraham and Sons; 150 balete rags L D Vora; 110 bales cottor L D Vora; 245 bales cotton wastD Vora

For Boston: 133 bales aul skins D Abraham and Sons; 200 l cotton waste L O Vora.

For Genoa: 655 tons berwre Cax and Gings; 672 bales cottorw Sapt Textile Products; 55 bales on raw Langley; 55 bales cotton R B C Ramswarup.

S S Silk-Worth for Morl: 2240 bags groundnut oil cakes I Nathoo.

For Philadelphia: 27 balkins D Abraham

S S Elysia for Manches130 bales cotton raw K Devchand.

S S Mirzapore for Kob200 bales cotton raw B Gangadas; bales cotton raw Langley; 200 baletton raw V Ladha; 100 bales cottorw Bombay Co.

For Osaka: 200 bales co raw V Ladha.

For Yokohama: 300 baletton raw Langley.

S S Tokiwa Maru for K 300 bales cotton raw A Cleyton; 50les cotton raw N Manilal; 100 baletton raw B Harakhchand; 300 baletton raw Nissho Co.; 200 bales cottaw Kotak and Co.; 100 bales cotton A Khimji 1200 bales cotton raw T Laisha.

For Moji: 600 bales co raw T M Kaisha

For Yokohama: 300 baetton raw Japan Cotton Tdg.

For Yokkaichi: 450 baletton raw Japan Cotton Tdg.

For Osaka: 200 bales ton raw Kotak and Co.; 250 baleton raw Japan Cotton Tdg.; 300 s cotton raw T M Kaisha

For Nagoya: 400 bales on raw T M Kaisha

S S Koshin Maru for O: 200 bales cotton raw G K Kaisha

For Kobe: 200 bales co raw N Fatehally.

S S Calcutta Maru for be: 100 bales cotton raw G K Ka 200 bales cotton raw Japan Cotton

IMPORTS

S S Elysia Agents Graham Tdg Co. Ltd. from Liverpool: 255 motor car covers, tyres and tu400 cases ironware; 50 cases beer; cases cottons; 160 cases cotton y 15 cases whisky; 180 cases e worl9 cases radio sets and parts; arts tiles; 148 bales floor coverings; ales wool tops; 350 bales newspape60 bds. nails; 2000 bds. steel hoo46 bds. steel bars; 750 bds fish p 100 bds iron flanges; 375 bds g p t 540 bds steel keys; 244 bds tubes 1s. copper sheets; 30 dms colour; 16ns tar; 188 dms hub oil; 257 dms 461 dms chemical; 50 cases glassw61 cases soap; 90 cases stout; 70 cashinery 180 cases provision; 71 loosleys; 100 bags fine salt.

From Glasgow: 4000 loos bricks; 100 bags fire clay; 270 cale; 2055 cases beer; 63 cases wine33 cases whisky; 35 cases varnish; cases nails; 150 bales old newspap100 cases sewing cotton thread on r450 bds tubes; 150 bds plates; 250 bd sheets; 197 bds steel bars and ang30 cases cottons.

From Suez: 1258 dms asp

From Alexandria: 215 beotton.

S S Rajput Agents T Mo and Co., from Rangoon: 21824 rice; 53 bales wool.

From Ponnani: 53 bds dsh.

From Calicut: 10 cases co

From Badagara: 478 bags r.

From Tellicherry: 25 bds.

S S M V Silverpine Agen olkart Bros. from Sainte Marie: bags clones.

From Mavanara: 2182 baloves; 6204 bags cloves.

From Glassgow: 385 cases; 63 cases paper; 30 cases provis 1028 pos empty glass jars; 72 earware;

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Reactionary Feeling In Cotton

Wallace's Serious Warning Against Any Indiscriminate Rise

NO ROOM FOR INFLATION

Higher Prices Likely To Increase Acreage

Bombay, March 19.

There was a further downward reaction on Thursday in New York Cotton market with talks of fears of a large increase of 10 to 16 per cent in acreage.

Mr. Wallace has issued a serious warning against any indiscriminate increase.

Regarding anti-inflation, there is so far no visible change in the U. S. Administration's financial policy.

The recent inflationary talk is the result of the world's rearmament programme.

The fundamental position of cotton remains unchanged with increased rate of consumption and any important decline is likely to attract buyers.

A reactionary trend on the New York cotton market was influenced mainly by intimations from Washington that higher prices would result in an increase in acreage with the labour situation and the weakness of the stock market additionally tending to undermine confidence.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton futures market opened barely steady and prices declined on domestic and foreign liquidation and some hedge selling together with uncovering of stoploss orders. Near months occasionally rallied on trade buying but opinion differed widely regarding probably future action of May option. Prices thereafter rallied partially on trade buying and covering. Finally renewed selling depressed prices.

At the opening May was quoted 3 points up at 14.31 and soon reached 14.32 which was the highest level. There was increased selling and before noon prices declined 26 points and May was quoted 14.06 which was the lowest level. In the afternoon the market was irregular and finally closed at a net decline of 18 to 13 points. Spot cotton prices declined 15 points at 14.23c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was easy on increased selling and closed at a decline of 13 to 17 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced 12 points at 14.47c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a decline of 9 points with May 7.84. The decline attracted speculative support which in conjunction with trade calling absorbed hedging and profit taking. Later on straddle selling met local covering. Outside interest was small and the market closed at a net decline of 9 to 5 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices declined 8 points at 8.04d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

There was increased selling in Egyptian cotton. Sakels futures closed 18 to 10 points down and Uppers futures declined 13 to 5 points.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET

The Alexandria market was quiet and Sakels futures closed 18 to 33 points down while Ashmouni futures declined 8 to 11 points.

CROP PROSPECTS

Messrs. M. and B. Stern state:—

There was a further small reaction in America yesterday with talks of fears of a large increase in acreage though Mr. Wallace has uttered a serious warning against any indiscriminate increase. Regarding anti-inflation, there is so far no visible change in the Administration's financial policy, and as mentioned yesterday, the recent inflationary talks are the result of the world's rearmament programmes. The fundamental position of cotton is unchanged and with the present high rate of consumption, we believe setbacks will be only temporary and advise purchases as we consider the acute scarcity of contracts will continue until more is known as to new crop prospects.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York May highest 14.32 plus 04 (10 a.m.)

New York May lowest 14.06 —22 (11-39 a.m.)

Liverpool May highest 7.88 —05

Liverpool May lowest 7.82 —11

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

Liverpool: Mixed trading market with local sentiment inclined reactionary on Wallace's statement warning farmers of danger of big fall in prices later in year if acreage increased by as much as ten to sixteen per cent.

New York: Market reactionary past 2 days along with other, markets owing to warning by high Government official against recent advance all goods. Fundamental situation unchanged. Advise buying on weak spots. Cotton goods market—yarn market—firm.

New York: Realizing, stop loss selling and reaction outside markets.

New York: Liquidation on labour situation and administration's warnings against price rise. On further decline favour buying.

New York: Some stops uncovered. Moderate speculative selling nears. Market acts easy.

New York: Liquidation caused by official warnings of the danger of inflation and prospects of sharp increase in acreage. Market acting tired. Small business in dry goods. Prefer buying on declines only. Continent buying July and September cotton seed oil in New York against sales of July and October cotton.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 18

May	14.13	—15
July	13.99	—18
October	13.41	—14
December	13.55	—15
January	13.38	—13
Middling Spot	14.73	—15

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, March 18

May	14.07	—13
July	13.90	—17
October	13.38	—14
Middling Spot	14.47	—13

NEW YORK

New York, March 18

11-00 A.M. RANGES—

May	14.21	14.21
July	14.07	14.06
October	13.52	13.51

NOON CALL—

May	14.13
July	13.98
October	13.40

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, March 18

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	5,000 bales.
Day's exports to Great Britain	10,000 bales.
Day's exports to the Continent	15,000 bales.
Day's exports to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, March 18

March	7.81	—10
April	7.83	—09
May	7.84	—09
June	7.84	—09
July	7.85	—08
August	7.79	—06
September	7.70	—06
October	7.52	—05
November	7.55	—06
December	7.54	—06
January	7.54	—06
February	7.53	—06
March	7.53	—06
Middling Spot	8.01	—03

10-12 a.m. quotations

May	7.86
July	7.36

INDIAN COTTON

Liverpool, March 18

BROACH—	
Fully Good (good staple)	6.23
Fine (good staple)	6.38
Superfine (good staple)	6.53
OOMRA—	
Fine (No. 1 staple)	6.26
Superfine (No. 1 staple)	6.40
Choice (No. 1 staple)	6.55
BENGAL—	
Good	5.20
Fully Good	5.30
Fine	5.42

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, March 18

F G F SAKELLARIDIS—	
March	11.89
May	12.15
July	12.15
September	12.15
F G F SPOT	12.60

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGES

London, March 18

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£68 1/2
Indian Stock 3 per cent 1948	£76
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£88 1/2
Indian Stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£111 1/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£76 1/2
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£101
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	£102 1/4
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£112
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	108 1/4
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£15 7/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg	£116
National Bank of India	£46 1/2
P and O Banking Corporation	£10 1/2

LONDON DISCOUNT RATE

London, March 18

Bank bills 3 months market rate 9/16 per cent to 9/16 per cent

Bank bills 6 months market rate 11/16 per cent to 11/16 per cent

Fine trade bills 3 months market rate 2 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent

Fine trade bills 6 months market rate 2 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent

Interest day to day loan 1/2 per cent to 1/2 per cent

Interest 7 days market loan 1/2 per cent

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 18

T T London on:—	
New York	4.88 11/16
Paris	106.45
Berlin	12.14 3/4
Madrid	77.00
Amsterdam	8.93 11/16
Brussels	29.01
Milan	92.66
Berne	21.45 3/4
Prague	140.06

LINSEED OIL

London, March 18

Linseed Oil naked London per cwt	
April sellers	28/7 1/2
Linseed Oil naked London per cwt	
May August sellers	29

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 19

Following a further decline of 15 points in New York cotton futures the local market opened at Rs. 246/4 for Broach A/M delivery and declined to Rs. 245/8. Later on there was scattered covering and prices rallied to Rs. 246. The tone of the market was weak and selling was influenced owing to drop in share prices.

Liverpool market opened at a decline of 5 points but later on reports were favourable and prices improved to Rs. 247/8. Later on Liverpool was 11 points down and prices in the local market after declining to Rs. 244 closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

Broach A/M.	244	12	0
Broach J/A.	250	0	6
Oomra March	233	12	0
Oomra May	230	12	0
Oomra July	231	4	0
Mengal March	195	8	0
Bengal May	196	8	0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, March 19.

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup Fine	FG	Good
M. G.—				
Bengal U.P.	203	200	197	193
Punjab	203	200	197	196
Oomra No. 3	239	236	233	230
C. P. No. 1	253	250	247	244
C. P. No. 2	244	241	238	235
Broach No. 2	249	257	244	241
Khandesh	233	230	227	224

Cotton Tenders

Bombay, March 19.

	To-day	Total
Bengal	300	4950
Oomra	2250	3950

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, March 19.

Bengal Superfine	203/04
Bengal Fine	198/99
C.P. 1	243/45
C. P. 2	235/36
Arvi	235/36
Ellichpur	235/36
Berar	233/35
Khamgaon	234/36
Mulkapur	233/34
Khandesh	228/30
Jalna/Sailu	228/30
Burwah Sanavad	233/34
Broach Fine	248/51
Punjab/American	241/51
Sind, N.T.	296/301
Punjab 289F.	306/11
Jagadia-Ankleshwar	304/06
Kim-Kosamba	208/11
Surat	311/13
Navsari	321/23
Kampala	418/61

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, March 19.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Since 1st Sept.

In-full-pressed Bales.

	Yesterday	This year.
Khandesh	225	194,668
Central India	892	290,005
Barsi and Nagar	1,086	145,692
Hyderabad-Gaorani	76	75,263
Berar	2,494	486,416
Central Provinces	198	100,025
Total Oomras	4,971	1,292,069
Dholera	393	44,227
N.-W. Provinces	97	6,959
Rajputana	755	59,367
Sind-Punjab	1,463	264,868
Broach	5,194	165,792
Coompta and Dharwar	86	12,324
Westerns-Northerns	...	16,416
Cocoanada	...	124
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	2	3,313
Persian	...	10
American	...	4,560
Egyptian and African	1,789	191,857
Comilla, Burma and other sorts	...	5
Total	14,750	2,061,921

Export From Bombay

1st Sept. to 11th Mar.

In full-pressed Bales.

	Yesterday	This year.
Europe	2,709	242,081
Japan and China	6,150	820,400
Coast Ports	...	15,355
Up-country by Rail	...	145,350
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan	...	64,388
Total	8,859	1,287,574

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, March 18

SAKELS—	
March 22.34	—18
May 22.22	—28
July 21.98	—28
ASHMOUNI—	
April 17.65	—11
June 17.46	—08
GIZA—	
May 20.85	—33
November 19.15	—23

Osaka Sampin

Osaka, March 19

Osaka, March 19

March 257.00	—310
May 257.10	—480
June 258.20	—560
July 259.30	—550
September 269.90	—590

Cotton Arrivals

Receipts into Bombay on 17th March 22,910 bales

Receipts into Bombay to date since 1-9-1936 2,047,171 bales

Receipts into Bombay same time last season 1,641,342 bales

Increase 450,829 bales

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, March 19

T T on London:—

Previous closing 1-2 5/8

To-day's opening 1-2 5/8

LONDON PRODUCE

London, March 18

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe	
March sellers	45
Wheat Barletta Russo	
March sellers	45/6
Wheat South Australian	
March sellers	46/6

LONDON RUBBER

London, March 18

Smoked Sheet Standard ribbed per lb.	
Sellers	12 5/8

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, March 19

Yesterday London gold prices remained unchanged at £7-2-4. London Paris Exchange rate was 8 points down at 106.45. New York London cross rate was 4.83 23/32. London silver prices were 1/16d. down at 20 7/8d. There was small general selling. India bought the market was idle and later on there was some buying 1/16th over the fixed rate. New York silver prices were reduced 1/8 cent to 45 5/8 cents and Montreal prices were unchanged to 28 points down. The local market was quiet and silver prices after declining to 50/14 improved to 51/1. Gold market was quiet.

GOLD

Ready	35	3	9
Fagan	35	3	9
Chaitra	35	3	6

SILVER

Ready	53	4	0
Fagan	51	1	0
Chaitra	51	4	0

LONDON SILVER

London, March 18

Spot	20 7/8
Forward	20 7/8

LONDON GOLD

London, March 18

Gold Bars Fine per ounce	£7-2-4

Montreal Silver

Montreal, March 18

March 45.90	—
May 45.71	—28
July 45.79	—20

New York Silver

New York, March 18

Spot silver prices were reduced 1/8 cent to 45 5/8 cents.

Bombay Metal

Bombay, March 19.

London Market.—	
Standard Copper Cash (Buyers)	£74-12-6
Standard Copper 3 months	£72-17-6
Electrolytic copper	£78-10-0
New York.—	
Blue Eagle	17 cents.
Non-Blue Eagle	16.50 cents.
Bombay Market.—	
Yellow Metal Sheets	Rs. 47
Copper Sheets	Rs. 66

Tone:—Steady.

LINSEED & WHEAT

Bombay, March 19.

Yesterday Chicago wheat market was depressed on rumours of Government action to stop rise in commodities but later prices rallied on better foreign advices. The market was easy here on general selling and Linseed declined to Rs. 8/1/9 but prices improved on covering.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Linseed May	8	2	9
Linseed September	8	6	9
Wheat May	5	12	6
Wheat September	5	12	0

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, March 19.

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	44	2	0
Highest	44	3	6
Lowest	43	14	0
Closing	43	15	6
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	37	9	0
Highest	37	11	0
Lowest	37	5	6
Closing	37	6	6
Cottonseed May—			
Opening	21	6	6
Highest	21	7	6
Lowest	21	4	0
Closing	21	4	6

Tata Hydro-Electrics

Messrs. Tata Hydro Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for The Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd., The Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd., and The Tata Power Company, Limited report that the total electrical (Board of Trade) units generated at the three Power Stations (Khopoli, Bhivpuri and Bhira) of the Hydro Group were as follows:—

11th Week (ended 18th March)	
1935	11,487,300
1936	10,816,300
1937	13,028,000
Total for 11 Weeks (1st Jan. to date)	
1935	121,322,900
1936	118,348,200
1937	130,099,100

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, March 18.

May	138 3/4c.
July	124 5/8c.
September	122 3/8c.

Liverpool Wheat

Liverpool, March 18.

March	111 3/8d.
May	112 7/8d.
July	114 1/8d.

Argentine Linseed

Buenos Aires, March 18.

March	15.50
April	15.59
May	15.76

Produce Receipts

Bombay, March 19.

	Cwts.
Wheat	2,539
Linseed	6,921
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	176
Gingellyseed	2,862
Poppyseed	300
Groundnuts	4,233
Castorseed	17,041
Rice	13,329
Myrabollams	2,154
Cottonseed	2,386
Gram	2,639
Joowar	135
Barley	54
Bajree	3,144
Indian Sugar	13,164
Coal	Tons. 389

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, March 19

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52	99
3 per cent 1951/54	101
3 per cent 1941 Bonds	103
3 1/2 per cent G P N Cash	94
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan	104/8
4 per cent 1943 Bonds	107/6
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	111
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60	117
3 per cent U P Bonds	97
5 per cent 1938/44	106
5 per cent 1940/43	109
5 1/2 per cent 1938/40 Loan	105/4
TAX FREES	
5 per cent 1945/55	118/8
4 per cent 1953/63 Loan	111
5 1/2 per cent 1938 Mysore	105/2
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	124
CORPORATION DEBENTURES	
4 per cent B P T 1974	106/12
4 per cent M Deb 1974	106
5 per cent M Deb 1959	117
5 per cent 1954	129
6 per cent K P T 1956	129
6 1/2 per cent B P T 1937	101/8

Note:—3 1/2 per cent Government paper opened to-day at Rs. 93/14 and after advancing to Rs. 94/3 declined to close at Rs. 93/15.

MONEY AND EXCHANGES

Bombay, March 19

B. C. RATES—	
T T D D	1/6 1/16
LONDON—	
Banks selling T T D D	1/6 3/32
Banks buying T T	1/6 5/32
Banks buying D D	1/6 3/16
Banks buying 3 mos.	1/6 7/32
NEW YORK	
B C Rate T T	274
Banks selling T T	272
Banks buying T T	269 7/8
PARIS—	
Banks selling T T	798
Banks buying T T	813
JAPAN—	
Banks selling T T (1/8 lower from May)	77 1/2
Banks buying T T	76 3/4
AMSTERDAM—	
Banks selling D D	67 1/8
JAVA—	
Banks selling D D	66 3/4
HONGKONG—	
Banks selling D D	83 3/8
SHANGHAI	
Banks selling D D	81 5/8
SINGAPORE—	
Banks selling D D	156 1/4
BERLIN—	
Banks selling D D	90 1/2
CROSS RATE—	
New York/London 18th instant	4.88 3/4
Japan/London— 19th instant	1/2 1/32
Java/London— 19th instant	8.89
Hongkong/London— 19th instant	1/3
Shanghai/London— 19th instant	1/2 5/8
London/Paris 18th instant	106.45
London/Belgium 18th instant	29.01
London/Switzerland 18th instant	21.45 3/4
London/Berlin 18th instant	12.14 3/4
London/Stockholm 18th instant	19.39 1/2
London/New York 18th instant	4.88 11/16
London/Amsterdam 18th instant	8.93 5/8
London/Italy 18th instant	92.06

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet

Gold	
17th instant	£7-2-4
18th instant	£7-2-4
Silver London Ready	
17th instant	20 15/16
18th instant	20 7/8
Silver London Forward	
17th instant	20 15/16
18th instant	20 7/8
Silver New York Ready	
17th instant	45
18th instant	45
London Discounts 3 months	
17th instant	9/16 p.c.
18th instant	9/16 p.c.
London Discounts 6 months	
17th instant	11/16 p.c.
18th instant	11/16 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate	3 p.c.
Bank of England Rate	2 p.c.
Money:—	
Call	1/2 p.c.
3 Months	1 1/4 p.c.
6 Months	1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

Indian Sterling Loans

London, March 18

Call Loan London	1/2
3 per cent	76
3 1/2 per cent	88 1/2
3 1/2 per cent	1954/59 102
4 per cent	1948/53 105 1/2
4 1/2 per cent	1950/55 111 1/4
4 1/2 per cent	1958/68 115 1/4
5 per cent	1942/47 112 1/2
3 per cent	1949/52 97 3/4
2 1/2 per cent	British Consols 75 1/2
3 1/2 per cent	Conversion 101
3 1/2 per cent	War Loan 102 1/4

New York Sugar

New York, March 18.

July-Sept. shipment	4 12 0
September	2.51
December	2.56
January	2.46 plus 01

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, March 19.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Java ready	13	6	0
July-Sept. shipment	2	12	0
Oct-Dec. shipment	4	13	0
Saraya ready	10	12	0
Kesar ready	11	5	0
Spot Java	F.5.65		

LONDON SEEDS

London, March 18

Linseed La Plata Hull C.I.F.	
March sellers	£12-10-0
Linseed Calcutta London C.I.F	
April sellers	£14-8-9
Linseed Bombay London C.I.F	
April sellers	£15-2-3
Rapeseed Toria Hull/Cont C.I.F.	
March April sellers	£14-5-0
Castorseed Bombay Hull C.I.F.	
March April sellers	£14-7-6

FURTHER DECLINE IN STEEL SHARES

Oscillations In Prices Reveal Hidden Hand Of Professional Unloading

PUBLIC GETS RUDE SHOCK

BOMBAY, MARCH 19.

TO-DAY'S OSCILLATIONS IN THE SHARE MARKET AND THE DOWNWARD INCLINE OF THE STEELS ARE SIGNIFICANT POINTERS.

YESTERDAY, IT WAS POINTED OUT IN THESE COLUMNS THAT THE DEFERREDS STARTED RECEDING, DESPITE THE RUSH TACTICS OF THE BULLS TO RIG UP PRICES. TO-DAY'S PROGRESSIVE DECLINE IS ELOQUENT OF PROFESSIONAL UNLOADING WHICH STANDS IN GLARING CONTRAST TO YESTERDAY'S PLAYING UP OF PRICES. THE MARKET TOUCHED THE REMARKABLE 'LOW' OF THE SESSION AND LATER SHOWED SIGNS OF RECOVERY.

OFFICIAL HINT OF PROMPT ACTION AGAINST RECKLESS SPECULATION AND THE COMPARATIVE CALM IN THE WESTERN HORIZON ARE ACTING AS A NATURAL CHECK AND THE MARKET LOOKS LIKE COMING BACK TO NORMALITY, IF PROFESSIONAL OPERATORS LEAVE IT ALONE.

The market opened steady to-day with Tata Steel Dfds. quoted at Rs. 2215 and soon declined to Rs. 2190. At this level the market remained steady for some time with a limited turnover.

But sudden and extensive unloading by powerful Bulls resulted in a bad break in prices.

In the absence of short interest, there was no absorbing capacity and prices went down to Rs. 2040.

There was considerable nervousness and the general confidence was impaired. Outsiders, who were following professionals, got a rude shock, but to keep up the general interest and to avoid the loss of popularity of steel shares, professionals supported the market and prices improved to Rs. 2135 in few minutes.

The market was left alone at this level and prices receded to Rs. 2110 but towards the close active support caused a sharp rally to Rs. 2175.

It was a wonderful day clearly indicating the existence of pure and simple speculative interest.

Tata Steel Dfds. registered to-day three levels, 2200, 2100, 2000 which is significant. The market is highly manipulated.

The drop in Steel shares depressed prices in other sections. Cotton mills suffered considerably. It is a peculiarity with our market that all shares on the forward list, irrespective of their real merit, always move up or down under the leadership of Tata Steel shares.

Tata Steel Dfd. shares are a common talk in the city and are becoming a household word.

TEXTILE MILLS.

Bombay, March 19.

	Rs.	as.
100 Ahm. Advance (Rs. 14)	312	8
250 BOM. DYEING (Rs. 25)	1045	0
100 CENTURY	226	4
100 CEN. INDIA (Rs. 4)	341	4
100 COLABA (Nil)	153	12
100 Coorla	110	0
250 David	75	0
250 Dawn (Rs. 10)	370	0
I. E. D. Sassoon (nil)	0	12 0
100 Finlay (Rs. 2-8)	137	8
100 GOKAK (Rs. 2-8)	240	0
1000 Hindustan (Rs. 75)	1,725	0
100 Indore	55	0
100 Khatau (Rs. 2)	107	8
100 KOHINOOR (Rs. 8)	222	8
250 Laxmi (Rs. 12-8)	675	0
50 Madras United	11	0
1,000 Morarji (nil)	1100	0
250 Model	72	8
50 MYSORE (Rs. 3)	111	4
200 NEW GREAT (nil)	243	12
100 Oosmanshahi (Re. 1)	55	8
100 Phoenix (10)	412	8
25 SASSOON SILK (Rs. 2)	62	8
1000 Sholapur (Rs. 50)	2,500	0
50 SIMPLEX (Rs. 1-2)	94	6
100 SWADESHI (Rs. 4)	270	0
100 Swan (nil)	99	0
500 Vishnu (Rs. 50)	1470	0
1000 Western	805	0
BANKS.		
50-100 Baroda (Rs. 2-8)	110	0
25-50 Central (As. 12)	34	12
500 Imperial (Rs. 30)	1505	0
125-500 I. Conty. (Rs. 7-8)	370	0
50-100 India (Rs. 2-8)	136	0
100 Reserve Bank (Rs. 3-3-4)	129	8
5 Union (As. 4)	5	8
CEMENTS		
100 Associated	189	0
10 BUNDI (As. 10)	45	8
100 Coimbatore	21	8
70 Gwalior (Rs. 5)	160	0
160 INDIAN (Rs. 24)	692	8
40 Katni Def. (Rs. 83-8-9)	2640	0
100 KATNI ORD. (Rs. 10)	449	0
75 Okha (Rs. 7)	350	0
10 PUNJAB (As. 12)	34	8
100 SHAHABAD (Rs. 13-8)	587	8
70 United (Rs. 2-8)	183	8
INSURANCE.		
80-500 Empire (Rs. 14)	1000	0
15-100 Jupiter (As. 12)	15	8
15-75 New India (Re. 1-4)	43	0
20 Mercantile	54	0
200 Oriental (125)	5250	0
10-50 Universal Fire (As. 4)	5	0
10-50 Vulcan (As. 8)	7	14
ELECTRIC.		
100 Ahmedabad Old (6)	185	0
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY (45)	1710	0
10 Ajmer (As. 4)	14	0
50 B'BAY TRAM (Rs. 3-8)	150	15
100 Bom Suburban (Rs. 6)	190	0
10 Broach	14	12
100 Karachi (4)	267	8
100 Poona (4)	285	0
100 Surat (Rs. 8)	208	2
100 T. HYDRO (Rs. 5)	182	8
1,000 T. POWER (Rs. 40)	1520	0
RAILWAYS		
500 Ahmedabad Prantij	890	0
100 C Province	95	0
100 Dhond Baramati	102	0
100 Gujarat	92	0
100 Mandra Bhon	102	0
100 Pachora Jamner	97	8

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, March 19

Century (235) 230 232 223 225 216 226 222 227 226

Bombay Dyeing (1072/8) 1072 1040 1005 1037 1025 1042 1032 1045

Kohinoor (332/8) 320 318 327 312 305 325 315 322

Central India (357/8) 355 360 330 336 341

New Great (255) 250 245 246 232 243

Simplex (97/8) 91 94

Swadeshi (280) 280 260 270

Bundi (46) 46/2 45/12

I Cement (607/8) 585 580 592 582 600 595 605 602

Shahabad (595) 598 583 575 585 582 587 570

Andhra (1700) 1695 1702/8 1710

Tata Hydro (182/8) 183/12 182/8

Tata Power (1515) 1512 1517 1510 1516 1510 1520

T Steel Defd (2200) 2190 2215 2180 2210 2115 2080 2040 2135 2125 2150 2110 2165 2150 2180 2165 2175

T Steel Ord (428) 435 422 427 415 398 404 402 419 410 410 418 420

Bellapur (186/4) 193 186 197 181 187

B Steam (308/12) 302

B Burma (830) 815 822 795 760 802 792 810 806 810

100 Sara Sirajgunje	102	0
500 Tapti Valley (17-8)	765	0
MININGS		
10 SHIVRAJPUR (As. 8)	60	0
30 TATA STEEL DEF. (Rs. 7-8)	2175	0
75 T STEEL ORD. (Rs. 6)	420	0
MISCELLANEOUS.		
100 ALCOCK (Rs 5)	422	8
50 B SUGAR (Rs 7)	187	8
50 B'bay Safe Dep. (Rs. 40)	900	0
250 B. STEAM (Rs. 15)	302	8
125 B BURMA (Rs. 12-8)	310	0
50 Do Contry (Rs. 5)	263	12
8sh. Br B. Petrol (nil)	7-12	6
50 B. TELEPHONE (2-8)	118	0
9 Burma Corp. (As. 8)	15	6
2sh. Indian Copper	4	15
10 Indian I. and S	54	12
100 I. BLEACHING (Rs 4)	151	4
50 I. Invest Trust (Rs. 2)	54	8
100 I. Radio Defd (12)	545	0
100 I. Radio Ord. (15)	525	0
1000 Port Canning (Rs 25)	616	4
15 Scindia (Re. 1)	27	12
30 Premier Const (Rs. 1-1)	104	8
25 Tata Oil (nil)	33	0
PREFERENCE.		
7 p.c. Andhra Valley	1,565	0
6 p.c Bombay Steam	305	0
7 p.c. Bom Tram (T. F.)	85	12
5 p.c Central India (T.F.)	537	8
7 p.c Katni 1st	136	4
7 p.c. Katni 2nd (T.F.)	146	4
7-1/2 p.c Punjab Cement	13	10
6½ p.c Prem Const 1st	105	0
6 1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	100	0
7 p.c. Tata Hydro	160	0
7-1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1560	0
6 p.c Tata Steel 1st	200	0
7½ p.c Tata Steel 2nd	180	0
7 p.c Vishnu	692	8
DEBENTURES		
3-3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	102	12
6 p.c Andhra Valley	111	0
4 p.c Bom Telephone	51	4
7 p.c Sholapur	84	12
6 p.c Tata Hydro	110	12

(Last Dividend in Brackets and Capital letters indicate shares on forward list.)

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'Conquest Of Power, Our Aim'

THIS SLAVE CONSTITUTION MUST GO

Jawahar On Lessons Of Elections

"We Have Neglected Muslim Masses"

Ignore Academic Issues And Prepare For Fight

TASK BEFORE CONGRESS M. L. A.'s

NEW DELHI, March 19.

Opening the proceedings of the All-India Convention where all the Congress members of all the provincial assemblies have foregathered to-day to deliberate and decide on a united national policy in the legislatures, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru made a masterly survey of the present political situation and the tasks and difficulties ahead.

"The Congress policy and programme are clear and fixed for us by repeated resolutions of the Congress itself and by our Election Manifesto. We must move within that orbit and any attempt to go out of it would be betrayal of that policy and of the larger interests for which the Congress has stood."

MUSLIMS NEGLECTED

"One of the most remarkable signs of the times is the ferment amongst the Muslims both the intelligentsia and the masses.

"We failed (to get Muslim support) because we had long neglected working among the Muslim masses."

QUIT NOTICE GIVEN

"How carefully and lovingly the Government had nursed the great vested interests of India, encouraged the big landlords and communalists, helped them to organise themselves to oppose us. Where are they now, these pillars of Imperialism in India? Like a house of cards they have fallen at the touch of reality."

"If there is any meaning in the elections then the Indian people have spoken, so that even the deaf might hear, and proclaimed that they will not have this Constitution. They have given notice to quit to British Imperialism."

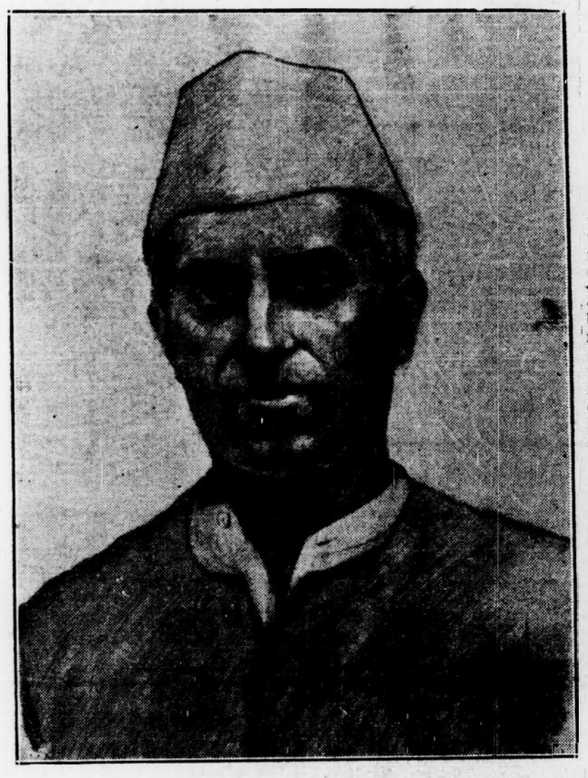
OFFICE HUNTING

"I know that there are elements amongst us who look longingly to office and who have even compromised the dignity of the Congress.... Let no one forget that we have entered the legislatures not to co-operate with British Imperialism but to fight and end this Act."

DOMINION STATUS

All this talk of Dominion Status is academic talk. What counts to-day for us is to break and end this Constitution. What counts for the world is Spain and British rearmament and the French armament loan and the frantic and terrific race to be ready for war before this catastrophe comes to overwhelm civilisation?

It is not by mere votes in the Legislatures, or petty reforms or even artificial deadlocks, that freedom will come but the mobilisation of mass strength, and the co-ordination of our struggle in the Legislatures with our struggle outside. For, essentially, we aim at the conquest of power."



PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

DYNAMIC TIMES

"We live in a dynamic world where almost everybody expects sudden and violent change and catastrophe. That crisis, national or international, may seize us by the throat unaware sooner than we imagine."

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the course of his speech said:—

We are used to our Congress gatherings, vast and impressive and representing the will of the Indian people for freedom. Behind them lie half a century of our country's history and a tradition of growth and change and adaptation to fresh needs and new situations. But to-day we meet in this Convention under novel conditions, for this Convention has no background except what we choose to give it, has no future except such as we determine.

Well established institutions and organisations develop, in the course of time, a certain will and momentum which carry them forward almost apart from the desires of their constituent elements. They have an individuality which expresses itself in its own particular way, a certain stability and steadiness of purpose, as well as a certain conservatism. They do not easily move out of their moorings; like an elephant, they are heavy of movement, but when they move, they have all the greater momentum, and the change the shape of things. Such is our Congress.

New But Old.

But this Convention is new and few people seem to know what it is or what it is going to be Some doubt is justified, and yet all of our purpose, and though, as a Convention, we may be new, we

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APPARENT INCONSISTENCIES

Mahatma Explains

(Congress Camp).

NEW DELHI, March 18.

The United Press Special Correspondent learns that the Working Committee has decided to change the phraseology of their formula in regard to Office Acceptance.

Instead of the wording, "so long as he and his cabinet act within the Constitution", the wording will be, "constitutional activities of ministers and party," so that in effect it will mean that, so long as the leader of the Congress Party is in a position to make a public declaration that he has enough assurance that Governor will not interfere in constitutional activities of the Congress Party, ministries may be accepted.

The Working Committee will itself move an amendment to this effect when the A.I.C.C. meets this afternoon.

The United Press Special representative further understands that several A.I.C.C. members who are also members of the Congress Assembly Party saw Mahatma Gandhi this morning and sought elucidation from him in respect of some of the apparent inconsistencies in the preamble portion and the operative portion of Working Committee's resolution.

Gandhiji is understood to have told them that he himself was the author of the resolution finally adopted by the Working Committee and that the main consideration which had weighed with him in drafting the resolution in the way it had been done, was that if the Governors really gave the assurance that had been indirectly asked for, it would undoubtedly indicate considerable change of heart on their part, and what was more according to the Mahatma, an appreciation of strength of the Congress with the masses.

Once this inference of Gandhiji was accepted as being correct, Gandhiji maintained that, he saw nothing wrong in really honest and staunch Congressmen accepting office and trying to give effect to the Congress legislative programme.—United Press Convention Special.

SEC. 144 AT SHAHGANJ

Ban On Shia Procession

AGRA CITY, March 19.

The District Magistrate of Agra has issued orders under Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code prohibiting Shias in Shahganj from taking out Duldul procession.—A.P.

Jawahar's Submission To Decision Commands Admiration

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March, 18.

Once again the Congress high command proved its hold by scoring magnificent victory for its resolution on office acceptance issue—majority of over fifty in a House of 215.

It was a personal triumph for big three of Congress namely Rajaji, Vallabhbhai, Rajendraprasad who in spite of formidable opposition were able to carry everything before them. It was Rajaji's speech which turned the tide heavily against dissentients.

With incisive logic and persuasive eloquence Rajaji developed his case outpointing that by accepting office they would be in a better position to end the act and that the ending of the act was not inconsistent with measures to strengthen nation. "Follow up your success in elections by accepting office", said the Madras leader.

Slap To Government

Vallabhbhai in a remarkable speech said referring the success in elections "Government have got a slap on face which is still hot but they are still waiting to see if there would be dissensions in our camp"

Sjt. Desai in another characteristically moving speech declared the issue was more of choice of men than of vote on measures. "We will merely put Government on their own initiative and on their test without any engagement on our part" said the Assembly leader.

Sjt. Jairamdas pleaded with the House that they should not be slaves of words. Opposition came was not only from the Socialist group but from also two lady speakers, Mrs. Pandit, Kamaladevi and the strong Bengal group headed by Sjt. Sarat Bose and Pandit Malaviya who urged act could be wrecked to-day if they refused to accept office

Admiration For Jawahar

There is admiration in Congress ciricles for Jawaharlal's noble gesture in opening the proceedings to-day with an appeal for unity.

In spite of his well-known views he completely effaced himself and intervened only to implore "hold together, push together, fight together, and wind together. We can be kept down not by might of British Government but only by our weakness and dissension". It was this striking appeal which helped to bring all the sections of the House together and give vote.

"It is vote for Gandhiism" "it is vote for unity" these are comments which I heard after close meeting. The debate which lasted seven hours to-day was remarkable both for its heights of eloquence and burning earnestness which moved the speakers—hardly surprising when one considers epoch making character of meeting and national significance of decision to-day.

ASSURANCES FROM GOVERNORS

"Of No Practical Importance," Says "Daily Telegraph"

LONDON, March 19.

The "Daily Telegraph" in an editorial says that much will depend upon what the different leaders may ask, but as the special powers of the Governors will only arise when an attempt is made to exceed the limits of the constitution.

The search for assurance is rather an attempt to save face than a matter of practical importance. There should be no breakdown if the ministers do not determine to strain their powers.

The Congress has proved wiser than the more militant leaders largely let it be admitted because of the influence of Mr. Gandhi. To have organised successfully for the elections and won the day in six provinces and then abandon the chance of carrying out the programme would have been almost inconceivable folly.

Against that saner men have made a successful resistance.—Reuter.

Satyamurti Happy Over Official Resolution

NEW DELHI, March 18.

Mr. Sayamurthi has issued the following statement on the Congress resolution regarding office acceptance am very happy of over he resolution passed by the A.I.C.C. on office acceptance. I sincerely hope and pray that the Congress ministries and the Congress Parties where they are enabled to accept office in terms of the resolution will have to strength of discipline capacity proteam work and self-lessness which will all be put to the severest test in carrying out the programme of the Congress to serve the masses and end the act. I earnestly appeal to the voters and people these provinces to give the Congress ministries and the Congress Parties the fullest help and co-operation in arduous and trymonths ahead."—A. P.

THREE ARRESTS AT STRIKERS' MEETING

MADRAS, March 19.

Natesa Gramanai, General Secretary, Toddy Tappers' Union and two others were arrested last evening at a meeting of toddy tappers strikers held in the People's Park. —A.P.

On the conclusion of the East African Tour, the Aga Khan departed for Cairo in the giant imperial airways plane "Helena." specially chartered for the party.

EDGAR WALLACE'S DETECTIVE STORY DAY BY DAY

"The Green Ribbon"

Inspector Wade—

TALK BACK TO ME, WILL YOU?
GIVE HIM ONE FOR ME!
THE GREEN RIBBON GANG!
LET'S GO!
YEAH---WE GOT THE RECORD OF FIELD OF GLORY! THE COPS WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACE THAT!
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What sort of CLOTHING did prisoners of LACHISH wear when brought before SENNACHERIB?

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